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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

ALLIES MAKE GOOD PROGRESS ALL ROUND.

THE SINKING OF MERCHANT SHIPS.

Two Boats Torpedoed Without Notice.

STRONG DENUNCIATION BY FRENCH MINISTRY OF MARINE.

[Renter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

French Reports.

(Havas Telegrams.)

Jan. 31, 5.45 p.m.
Yesterday artillery fighting prevailed on nearly all the front. Everywhere we had the advantage, destroying numerous German works.

It is officially announced that German submarines torpedoed, in the Irish Sea, the English steamers Linda, Blanche and Bochana, and sank, off Havre, the steamer Toko Maru, a French torpedo boat saving the crew.

Turkish General Captured.

An official statement issued in Petrograd says:—In the Caucasus a Russian column, taking advantage of a snowstorm, crossed the mountain crests and captured, after a fierce struggle, Gorness village, taking prisoners a General, his Staff and three guns.

(Official Telegrams from French Government, via Peking.)

On the 30th, the struggle was confined to artillery fighting on nearly the whole front. The British troops in front of La Bassée again resumed possession of all the trenches previously lost, finding 400 German dead bodies on the field.

Good Work by the French.

French batteries in the Arras, Roye, Soissons, Rheims and Perthes sectors destroyed two guns, several works and also "minenwerfer," dispersing convoys, platoons and bivouacs; also Germans bombarding De Fonquevillers Church, south of Arras.

In Argonne a slight retreat of the French troops—about 200 metres from their previous position—is reported. Three German attacks were repulsed at Fontaine-Madame. In Argonne and the Vosges there is nothing else to report, the situation remaining unchanged. The French notably held Angomont village.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

More Details of the Submarine Raid.

Jan. 31, 11.30 p.m.
Renter's correspondent in Paris reports that the Minister of Marine announces that the Toko Maru was torpedoed seven miles west-north-west of Cape Antifer. The British steamer Igaria, was torpedoed 15 miles west of Cape Antifer. She was not sunk, and was towed to Havre.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

No Warning.

Feb. 1, 5.5 a.m.
The steamers Toko Maru and Igaria were torpedoed without notice.

"Unworthy of a Civilised Nation."

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Renter's correspondent in Paris wires that the Ministry of Marine has issued a Note in reference to the torpedoing of merchant vessels and says the German Navy have now decided to violate international law systematically, and to deliberately place themselves outside the pale of humanity. "The whole world will rise in horror at an act unworthy of a civilised nation."

Indian General Wounded.

Feb. 1, 5.5 a.m.
Major-General Natha Singh, of the Jhind Imperial Service troops, has been wounded in East Africa.

Russians Advancing.

Feb. 1, 6.30 a.m.
Renter's correspondent in Petrograd says that a communique reports that the Russians are advancing and fighting north of Gumbinnen and Pillkallen.

A desperate battle took place on Saturday in the district of Borjomi, on the left bank of the Vistula. We attacked the Germans at night, and drove them at the point of the bayonet out of a trench which they captured on January 19.

Fighting continues in the Carpathians. Our position is generally solid, while our left wing is advancing.

Feb. 1, 5.35 p.m.
Renter's correspondent in Paris telegraphs that a communique announces that the fighting consists mostly of artillery engagements, which are particularly lively in the northern region.

The German infantry attempted an attack to the south-east of Ypres, but were immediately defeated by combined artillery and infantry fire.

Our batteries scored successes along the whole of the Aisne front.

We consolidated our positions around a small wood which we captured to the north-west of Meunier-Hurlus.

Quiet has prevailed in the Argonne region, where the Germans appear to have suffered most heavily.

British Easily Repulse German Attack.

(Official Telegram from the British Foreign Office.)

Jan. 31, 4.5 p.m.
Earl Kitchener announces that an attack was made in some force yesterday near Giddey, but the enemy was easily repulsed. Over 200 Germans dead were counted in front of the trenches occupied by the British, amongst whom the casualties were small.

GERMAN DECEIT IN TSINGTAU.

How Japan's Clemency Was
Abused.

Since the 13th ult. consular searches have been proceeding at Tsingtau, which have resulted in the arrest of 144 Germans, who, it is stated, are proved to have participated in the recent hostilities, but after the surrender of the fortress, were allowed to stay in the city on the plea that they were combatants, says the Asahi. Ninety-one of these have been despatched to Japan as prisoners of war on board the Miragi Maru.

A Tientsin despatch to the same paper states that many Germans arriving there from Tsingtau, having been thrown into a state of panic by the consular searches.

One of the Japanese officers who returned from Tsingtau is quoted by the Asahi as stating that the Germans at Tsingtau were treated with excessive civility by the Japanese military authorities after the capitulation. A considerable number of young Germans were to be seen walking about the streets in civilian dress, they drank beer and played cards, and engaged in other eminently peaceful pursuits. The Japanese said little but thought a lot. However, they allowed those who professed to

be civilians to re-open their offices and continue their businesses.

The Japanese military authorities at Tsingtau, says the Japan Chronicle, appear to have formed strong suspicions that various properties which were claimed as private, and were on that account respected, were really Government property all the time. If the suspicions prove to be well grounded they will indicate an extremely shortsighted policy on the part of the late Tsingtau military authorities. Not only will they have failed to meet their victors on the courteous terms offered, but they will have made conditions very onerous for the real non-combatants and the genuine owners of private property in Tsingtau.

These German residents at Tsingtau who undertook military service, says an officer in the Prisoners' Intelligence Bureau, Tokyo, quoted by the Asahi, were all made prisoners of war. Some of them quickly cast off their military uniforms when the fort fell and transformed themselves into civilians.

The Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Peking, Jan. 27.—Sun Pao-cho, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is being transferred to the position of head of the Audit Bureau. Li Cheng-hung, formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs, will resume that office.—N. C. Daily News

FUN IN FACE OF DEATH.

"Cormorants" Home in the Trenches.

The following very interesting letter from a subaltern at the front, describing his experiences in flooded trenches and his adventures in scouting expeditions, has been received by Renter's Agency:—

The Trenches, Dec. 12, Mid-night.
I have been flooded out of my bed, and as this little spot on the table seems to be the only one where no muddy drops are falling from the roof of the dug-out, I might as well seize the opportunity to write between now and daylight.

When I wrote last we were frost-bound. It soon thawed, and for the last fortnight we have been the victims of rain. To make things pleasanter we have the prospect of 18 days (over Christmas) before we get back to billets. It is difficult to give you an idea of what steady rain here means.

What makes me so wild is that I was just glorying in a brand new dug-out with another sub. The night after I moved in my old one collapsed altogether. The sapper who appears every night to do odd jobs about our lines swore this one would be water-tight. He came in just now and sat on the doorstep with mud flowing down his neck, and he is such a cheery soul that we forgive him. He brings us nightly all the humorous gossip of the staff, to wit: Item. That the Indian division and the Germans were so close to each other last week that they used the same parapet to their trenches and took it in turns to fire through the loopholes.

Jam-Tin Bombs.
This week they have got closer and are separated only by sand bags. The Indians seem to pass the weary winter eating jam and not only because it is pleasant and nutritious, but also so that they can have a plentiful supply of jam-tin bombs, which are all the fashion at close-trench parties.

Our own Germans are getting closer, too. Two hundred yards is about our average, and we are both pushing ahead with saps, so I suppose jam-tins will no longer be thrown away here in a week or two. I amused myself to-day by pinning one of their periscopes, which both sides use freely, so as not to let them get too accustomed to the sight of our dirty and stabbly faces. Our men are very keen at the loop-holes, and no sooner does a bit of German skin show itself than it is perforated. (Don't be alarmed at the stains on this paper. It isn't blood, but the roof is beginning to ooze mud instead of water.)

The communication trenches I told you of are a dream, now. To-night they are simply a river, but when we came in a few nights ago they were knee-deep in a paste of the consistency of wet dough.

German Stolidity.

What I object to principally about our Germans is their lack of appreciation of humour or sport. They are so devilishly business-like. A lamentable instance occurred to-day. One of our men was up in a willow-tree in the rear cutting withies. A shot passed him, and he signalled, "A miss, left." Then he signalled another, "Right." The third took him through the head. There are the strictest orders about the men exposing themselves, but you see some astonishing things. I watched a man yesterday walking slowly along the side of the communication trench right up to the line. He had a sack of coke, and was bothered if he was going to stick in the mud with it. A ball of bullets missed him, and he stopped to light a pipe behind an 18-in. willow before he very deliberately got down with his load.

Two nights ago, scouting out on my own, on the other side of the sap, I had a most horrid experience. I was in a turnip field, advancing cautiously, because they creakle so infernally underfoot. Suddenly up went one of their star rockets, which make the neighbourhood light as day for a mile round. I flopped down at once on my anterior. To my horror I discovered that my nose was two yards from an unburied German corpse, that had lain out there since their last unsuccessful infantry attack six weeks ago. Another and another rocket went up, and it was ten minutes before I could get up and leave that grisly object. However, I brought back a helmet and rifle as mementoes of the event.

Enormous Appetites.

In the first flush of pride in our new dug-out H. and I christened it "The Cormorants," No. 1, Park-lane. We chose the name as descriptive of the inhabitants. That is to say, we are both concerned to find that, though formerly people of moderate appetites, life out here has converted us, like most people, into appalling gourmands. Every problem resolves itself into food values.

The great panic at present is that the Christmas offerings of good folk at home will by some mischance not reach us in time. Some days ago a benevolent captain presented us with a box of short-bread, which disappeared as by magic. We halved the crumbs with wistful care, and promptly wrote postcards to everyone we could think of clamouring for stacks of it. I can't expect you to look upon this as anything but gluttony, but a course of ration bread and bully beef, and the necessity of keeping out continual colds and damp would, I think, bring it home. We are quite put out at present because the latest arrival in the company, who is straight from Sandhurst, is a super-cormorant, and can give either of us half a loaf, start and win hands down.

Well, our cheery sapper news-monger has just warned our frozen gloom with the tale of the naval victory off South America, a victory in Galicia, and the positively authentic information (for the twentieth time) that the Kaiser is sick unto death. When his Majesty eventually gets to the Shades I can only hope Plato will put him on a fatigues party under Lance-Corporal Sisypheus, to carry 100lb. of bully beef nightly through a ten-mile communication trench, 2ft. deep in mud, only to find when he gets to the other end, that he has no tin-opener and no knife or bayonet for substitutes.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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The Russians are advancing in East Prussia, and fighting is taking place north of Gumbinnen and Pillkallen.

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NEWS.

Interesting war items will be found elsewhere.

Further notes on the crisis appear on page 4.

Interesting news from our Canton correspondent appears elsewhere.

General news and an article entitled "Authorised to Murder" appear on page 3.

A further instalment of the article on "Old Hongkong" will be found on page 4.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, commercial news on page 9 and log book on page 6.

The results of the shooting for the President's Cup by members of the Dockyard Rifle Club are given elsewhere.

The shareholders' meetings of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., the Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., were held this morning.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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Sale of 5 Ponies at Mule Transport Lines, Happy Valley.—G. P. Lammer's Sales Room—2.30 p.m.

Thursday, February 4.

Chinese Play—Queen's College Hall.—Q.C.A.D.C.—7.30 p.m.
Friday, February 5.
Chinese Play—Queen's College Hall.—Q.C.A.D.C.—7.30 p.m.
Saturday, February 6.
Chinese Play—Queen's College Hall.—Q.C.A.D.C.—7.30 p.m.
Monday, February 8.
Sale of China and Curios.—G. P. Lammer's Sales Room—2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9.

The H.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., meeting of shareholders—noon.
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders.—Macara Dodwell & Co., Ltd. offices—11.30 a.m.
Sale of China and Curios.—G. P. Lammer's Sales Room—2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10.

Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders—noon.

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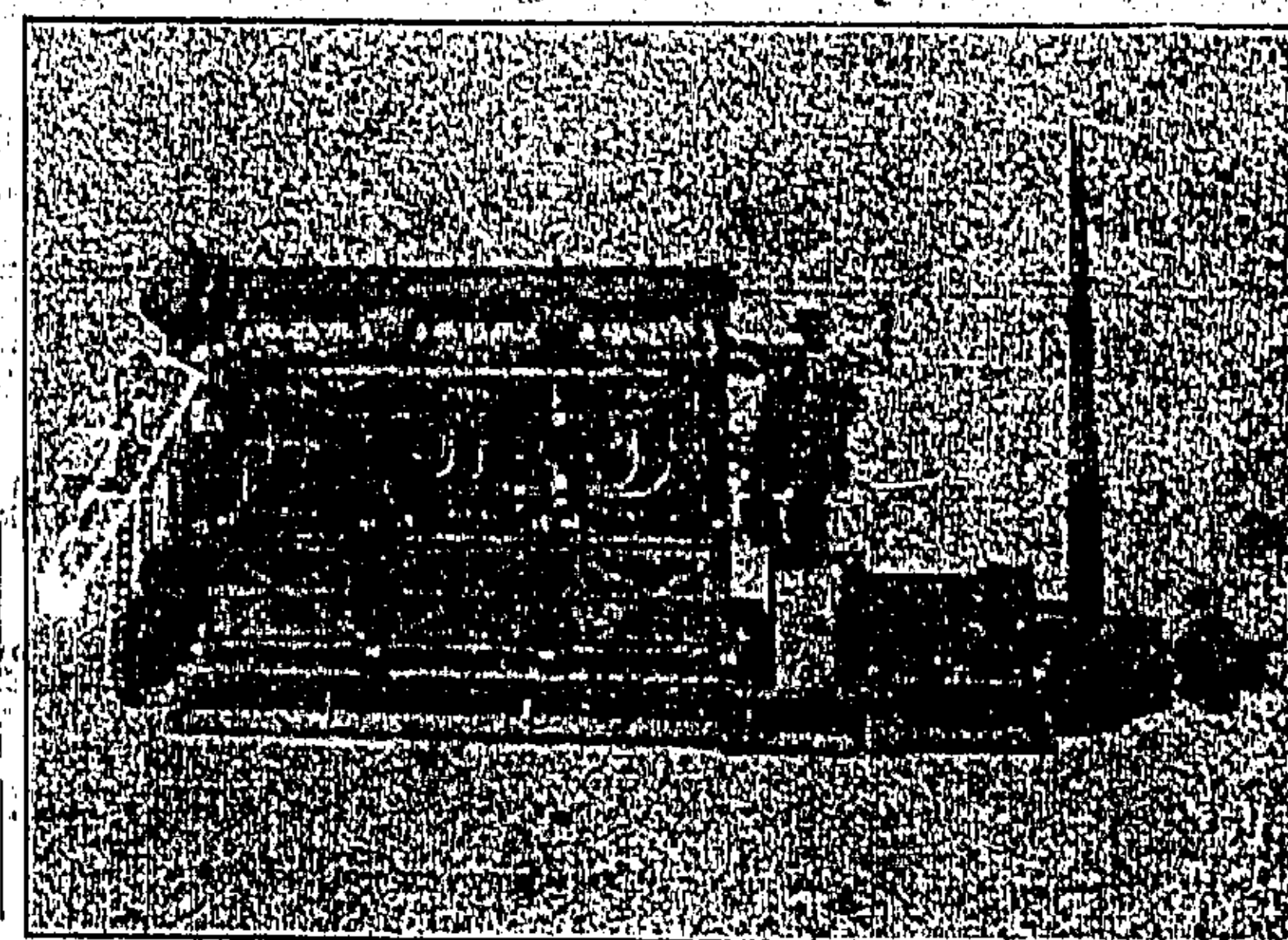
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

Subsidiary Coinage Depreciation.
The variations in the value of subsidiary coins last week were more than ordinarily astonishing. At the beginning of the week the depreciation was over 17 per cent, and it fell in two days to 11. By the end of the week it had again reached to over 14. For some time past the exchange shops have given ten ten-cent pieces and seventeen or eighteen cents—and at times a little more—for every paper dollar. For silver dollars they have given only a little more than half that amount. A paper promise to pay a silver dollar is of more value to them, apparently, than the silver dollar itself. That, of course, is one of the mysteries of exchange which the man doing business with the exchange shops does not understand, and is not intended to understand. The money-changers know their own business best and the inner secrets of outsiders.

Daily Press.

Japan and China.

For the past week rumours have been circulating in Peking and, apparently, throughout the Chinese Republic, that Japan had presented to the Chinese Government twenty-one demands "embracing questions of territory and special privileges regarding railways and mines in Manchuria, Eastern Mongolia, Shantung, the Yangtze Valley and Fukien." We published yesterday from our own correspondent in Peking a telegram which conveyed the information that the Japanese Minister had declared that the report in circulation exaggerated the actual facts; and he specifically stated that no territorial concessions had been asked for by Japan. This assurance, we think, may be accepted without the slightest reservation, for in view of Japan's pledges to the Powers on this subject, and having regard also to the fact that the great war in which Japan has so successfully participated, originated—so far, at least, as Great Britain and Japan are concerned—in Germany treating solemn international agreements as "scraps of paper," it is inconceivable that Japan would besmirch her national honour, and forfeit the world's respect by similar action.

China Mail.

Armies—Ancient and Modern.

It is particularly interesting in these stirring times to reflect on the size of armies of the past and compare them with those of to-day. Weapons mainly affect tactics, the chief effect of improvements being that battles are now commenced with the combatants at a greater distance apart than formerly, and that cover has become of immense importance. But the enthusiastic soldier is not content to watch his opponent through a telescope. We read to-day of trenches only fifty yards apart, and of hand-grenades being thrown from one to another, pending the bayonet charge, which finally settles the question of possession. If the engineer had done nothing but invent long-range weapons, warfare would not have exhibited the stirring features we see to-day. The first of these is the immense size of armies. As the Marquis of Graham pointed out recently in a speech, the great armies of the past were all well below 100,000 in number, with the single exception of that of Attila, the "scourge of God for the chastisement of Christians."

Royal Colonial Institute.

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, held on December 22, Lt.-Gen. Sir J. B. Edwards in the chair, the following gentlemen connected with the Federated Malay States, amongst others, were elected:—Non-Resident Fellows: Mr. Andrew Caldecott, Mr. Thomas P. Coe, Mr. Charles Hennigan, Mr. Edward S. Hope, Mr. Eric Fadyen, Mr. K. M. Plumptre, Mr. Edmund B. Skinner, Mr. Edward F. Cameron (Dutch Borneo) was also elected a non-resident Fellow.

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GENERAL NEWS.

val Officers' School for China. The Chinese Ministry of the Navy reported to the President at a number of students will graduate from the Naval Officers' School, and asked that delegate be sent to conduct the Graduation Exercises. The President has appointed Admiral Peng P. Kiang to be Delegate. He has also given presents to be sent to the graduates.

Mr. C.F.G. Masterman. London, Dec. 21.—Unhappy is the lot of Mr. C.F.G. Masterman, defeated at S.W. Bathnal Green and Ipswich he at length appeared to have found a refuge in the Wansai District as successor to R. D. Brynmor Jones. Now, however, Mr. T. J. Williams, of Dorset, who was defeated by Mr. Masterman at the noisy Radical conference held on Saturday night for the purpose of electing the Radical candidate, has given instructions for his nomination papers to be got out, and a contest appears almost certain. Directly after the North conference Mr. Williams' supporters wired to Mr. Masterman that they did not accept the method of voting as fair and that Mr. Williams would be nominated. The voting in Mr. Masterman's favour was 80 to 44.

The Proposed Agricultural College.

In the matter of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, states a London cable of January 4, owing to the war, the committees have now decided to proceed separately with the scheme for the foundation of the college and that for the hostels. The cost of the hostels for Europeans will be raised by European subscription. The combined committees have resolved to take steps for building and endowing the college, which requires £40,000 sterling, of which half will be contributed by the Colonial and Indian Governments. As to the balance of £20,000, the proposal to raise this by appeals to the public of the Colonies and India has been deferred by the war, necessitating beginning on a less ambitious scale.

Shanghai Navy League.

A meeting was held last week of the committee of the Shanghai branch of the Navy League, at which were present Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., Sir Havilland de Saumarez, and Messrs. H. G. Simms, J. Prentice, E. F. Bateman, J. Osborne, E. C. Richards, and G. Lanning. The question was discussed of a public meeting to be held in connection with the appeal of the Patriotic League of British Overseas for contributions to supply the Navy with an additional man-of-war. It was decided that a meeting should be called in the Town Hall as soon as possible.

Future of Poultry-Farming.

Holland is beginning to feel the pinch as regards her own food supplies, and has in consequence issued an order prohibiting the exportation of poultry and eggs. Mr. W. Powell-Owen, an expert on poultry matters, says: "Although no-one knows whether the war will last twelve months or more, one thing is certain, that the poultry industry of Great Britain has a very bright future before it. Whatever the result of the war may be, poultry-keepers in Great Britain may be sure of a market for all the table poultry and eggs they can produce. We must, however, be prepared for the demand; unless we step in now other countries will forestall." London Paper's Comment on "Squeeze."

Can the Ethiopian change his colour or the leopard his spots? We are reminded of this old saying, remarks the London and China Express, by a recent item of news from Peking to the effect that the President has issued a mandate dealing with the ejection of officers, who are reporting a higher number of soldiers and contingents than they are really retaining, and who put the money collected for them into their own pockets. The mandate, we are told, holds out heavy punishment to those who continue this bad practice. The habits of centuries take a lot of eradicating, and such incidents tend to show that, though we have a Chinese Republic, the Chinaman still retains many of his old characteristics.

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German Methods in Belgium.

Striking evidence of the brutal methods adopted by the German invaders of Belgium for terrorising the inhabitants is to be found in the various proclamations issued by generals of the invading army. These have been gathered into a special report issued by the Belgian Commission which is enquiring into the allegations of violation by the Germans of the laws and customs of warfare.

As the Commissioners declare, "the lack of conscience shown in these proclamations is no greater than their cruelty." Here are some extracts:—

"The inhabitants of the town of Andenne, after having protested their peaceful intentions, made a treacherous surprise attack on our troops."

"It was with my consent that the general had the whole place burnt down, and about 100 people shot."

"I bring this fact to the knowledge of the town of Liege, so that its inhabitants may know the fate with which they are threatened if they take up a similar attitude."

"The General Commanding-in-Chief,

VON BULOW."

The Commissioners point out that the inhabitants of Andenne deny the charge against them; that, instead of 100 persons shot, the total was more than 200, while all the houses for a distance of eight miles were burnt down.

"The Belgian and French soldiers must be delivered as prisoners of war before four o'clock in front of the prison. Citizens who do not obey will be condemned to hard labour for life in Germany. A rigorous inspection of houses will begin at four o'clock. Every soldier found will be immediately shot."

"Every street will be occupied by a German guard, who will take ten hostages from each street, whom they will keep under surveillance. If there is any rising in the street, the ten hostages will be shot."

"The Commander of the Town,

VON BULOW."

The same von Bulow imposed a war levy of £120,000 on the town of Wavre, payment to be made by September 1. On August 27, Lieut. General von Nisler to the burgomaster:—

"I draw the town's attention to the fact that in no case can it count on the delay being prolonged for the civil population of the town has put itself beyond the pale of the rights of nations by firing on the German troops."

"The town of Wavre will be set on fire and destroyed if the payment is not made when due; without distinction of persons, the innocent will suffer with the guilty."

Commandant Major Dieckmann was responsible for a proclamation at Grivegnée which contained the following:—

"I insist that all civilians who move about in my district, particularly those of Bayne-Henney, Fléron, Bois de Bru, and Grivegnée, show their respect to the German officers by taking off

their hats, or lifting the hands to their heads in military salute; in case of doubt every German soldier must be saluted. Any one who disregards this must expect the military to make themselves respected by every means."

Here are extracts from two proclamations posted in Brussels by Baron von der Goltz, the "Governor-General of Belgium":—

"It has happened in districts at present occupied by more or less strong bodies of German troops that convoys of wagons and of patrols have been attacked by surprise by the inhabitants."

"I draw the attention of the public to the fact that a 'register' is kept of the localities in the neighbourhood of which such attacks have taken place, and that they may expect their punishment as soon as the German troops pass near them."

"During the evening of September 25 the railway line and the telegraph wires were destroyed on the line Lovensloot—Vertryck. In consequence of this, these two localities have had to render an account of this, and had to give hostages on the morning of September 30."

"In future, the localities nearest to the place where similar acts take place will be punished without pity; it matters little if they are accomplices or not."

The Commissioners, commenting on these proclamations, say:—

"Who, after reading such publications, will be astonished at the murders, fires, pillage, and destruction committed everywhere where the German army encountered any resistance? If a German corps or patrol are received at the entrance to a village with shots fired by soldiers belonging to the regular troops, but who are afterwards forced to retire, the population is declared responsible; civilians are accused of having fired or co-operated in the defence, and, without enquiry, the locality is given up to pillage and fire, and a part of its inhabitants massacred."

Singapore Share Circular. Messrs. Fraser and Co.'s Singapore share circular, dated January 21, says:—With the meagre business that has been passing of late we considered no useful purpose would be served in publishing regularly our usual weekly circular; however, since our last issue the Stock Exchange has opened, and it has been possible in a great many instances to obtain a more accurate idea of the prices ruling in sterling shares, but until a free market exists and daily London quotations are available, the prices given must still be looked upon as more or less nominal. Local conditions have improved slightly and many of the bargains that were offering have found purchasers, but it is still a matter of negotiation to deal in other than small quantities. Returns and outputs have been brought up to date as far as possible together with the various dividends announced.

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MARRIAGE.

SPRINGFIELD-BRAND.—On January 27, 1915, at H. M. Consulate-General, Shanghai, before Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., Consul General, and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, by the Reverend A. J. Walker, M.A., Dean, Maurice Osborn, third son of Thomas Osborn Springfield, of Alburgh House, Norfolk, to Helen Jean, second daughter of the late David Brand and Mrs. Brand, of Shanghai, China.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1915.

LATIN: TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

Some two years ago His Excellency the Governor, speaking at a local prize-distribution, deplored the fact that Latin seemed to hold little or no place in the list of subjects taught in Hongkong schools. We now have Surgeon General Hoskyn—in his speech at the Diocesan School prize-giving on Saturday—more or less congratulating the school authorities on the fact that the teaching of Latin had been abandoned.

"He could not help remarking that he regretted very much the large amount of time he spent as a boy on Latin. They had it at school for six hours a week and they had also to spend four hours a week in preparation for the lessons. If he had spent the time on chemistry or electricity he would have learned much more."

The Chinese may well feel a little mixed after hearing opinions so directly opposite expressed by two officials, each of whom has a right to speak authoritatively on such a subject. So far as the education of British boys is concerned, we very much prefer to accept the Governor's view. Most people—even those who are opposed to the teaching of Latin—are at least agreed as to its cultural value to the individual. To perceive that value one only has to mix up six science men from London University with as many Arts men, and then set to work to separate them according to the Faculty which they represent. (We quote London because it is modern, more or less without traditions, and non-residential, so that a member of that university usually takes his colour from his earlier home surroundings, his schooling, and the special course which he is following for his degree, rather than from the university as a whole.) In ninety cases out of a hundred the science men could be picked out almost as soon as they began to speak, and the remaining ten would declare themselves, more often than not, after quite a brief conversation on some neutral topic. The outlook on life of each of the two classes of men is quite distinct; for a man is pretty much what his studies make him. The man who has specialised in science, has usually (of course there are brilliant exceptions) but one view: the utilitarian; the whole of life outside his science and mathematics books is out of him; whereas comparatively few men who have been well grounded in Latin, and have pursued the subsequent study of it seriously at all, can be content to confine themselves to that one branch of learning, Latin being essentially an avenue; a means to an end. It would be the height of uneconomicalness to utter one word against the science men by whose researches the next generation is going to profit, but one cannot help feeling occasionally that if a classical education underlay the more exact knowledge which they have acquired, they would be the better for it in many respects.

But it is the utility rather than the intellectual aspect of Latin that the Surgeon General questions. Had he spent the time given to Latin on chemistry or electricity, he would have known more, he maintains. Is he sure of that? In England, less than a year ago, we met with boys whose education was being carried on on these scientific lines, who knew apparently quite a lot about chemistry and physics, and who spoke learnedly on meteorology—but they could not analyse a simple English sentence, and did not know Shakespeare from Nietzsche. Of course, if one is going to insist upon nothing but factual knowledge, Latin can be partially pushed aside as valueless; but only partially, even then; for the boy whose brain has not been gymnasticised by the study of it, will have the smaller and weaker grip of the facts of science or of history. One can fully understand the attitude of the business man who says "I don't want my boy to learn Latin, because I am going to take him away from school when he is fourteen or fifteen and make a tradesman of him," but it is much less easy to see eye to eye with another man who wants Latin eliminated from the training employed for any one of the recognised professions; the more so that one but rarely meets with persons other than those who have learned at least something of the much abused language, who have anything like a logical and comprehensive grasp of their own tongue. By all means let us have Latin in the home schools—but English, and plenty of it, in those of Hongkong.

"Except Within the European Reservation."

A Sanitary Board notice has been issued, drawing attention to the beauties and duties of house-cleaning, and deprecating wholesale lime-washing for "all domestic buildings....except those within the European Reservation." The definition of "European Reservation" as given in the Ordinances is too long to reprint here, but we notice that the dividing line passes through Wyndham Street, for instance, and also "along Pokfulam Road, High Street, Bonham Road and Osine Road," etc. Further information from the Government as to how and where to find the spots specially reserved for Europeans, in (e.g.) Osine Road, would be welcomed by many of our readers. If the Ordinance definitely states that certain thoroughfares are for European occupation, how comes it that scarcely a European family is now to be found, from one end of Osine Road to the other? Or, as we asked once before—why is part of Wyndham Street cut up into Chinese shop-lots? If we must have these things, would it not be well to frame a new Ordinance, since it has been agreed to regard the old one as a mere farce?

An Intelligent Postal Clerk.

One of our readers handed in a parcel at the Post Office, a few days ago, directed plainly "Bombay, India." The super-intelligent clerk—a Chinese, we presume—after considering the matter, asked languidly: "Is this a British Possession?" On being reminded that the Post Office should know all about that, the languid one replied:—"You must state whether you are sending to a British Possession or not." As it is no part of the duties of a stamp-purchaser to teach Post Office clerks geography, the customer again suggested that the enquirer should make up his own mind on the subject. After a certain amount of official discussion it was at last decided that Bombay, India, really did come under the head of British Possessions. If one may ask, what can the Post Office be thinking about to place in a position of some responsibility a clerk whose education has been neglected to this extent? Or is he the best that is to be had?

The Go-as-you-please of Hongkong Coolies.

This morning a quantity of sand and bricks was being landed on the Praya, near the Douglas wharf, and was in course of being conveyed thence, per coolie male and female, somewhere in the direction of the Queen's Road. The portage was approached in the usual leisurely manner; that is to say, the baskets and bamboo receptacles were carried a little distance, then dumped down in the roadway and left there, while the coolies either went back for more or returned for a friendly chat on the Praya. Outside the Hongkong Hotel annex there must have been twenty of these little loads of sand or bricks, awaiting the bearers' further pleasure—and meanwhile littering the road and acting as very satisfactory hindrances to the progress of any motor-car that might come along. Even the ricksha coolies had a difficulty in dodging between them. Presently along came a Pathan sergeant of police who ought to be made an inspector forthwith. He became suddenly busy, with the result that the coolies returned to their work and snatching up their burdens, got away with them as quickly as possible, standing not upon the order of their going. How came the coolie brotherhood and sisterhood to get it into their heads that they can render untidy and impassable one of the main European thoroughfares, just as they please? And are they to continue to have everything their own way in this Colony?

Prince of Wales' Fund.

The following subscriptions to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund are amongst those recently announced:—Subscribers in Shanghai, per Sir E. Fraser, K.C.M.G., H.B.M. Consul-General (further contribution), £131 13s. 2d.; British subjects and others resident in the State of North Borneo (2nd contribution), £500.

DAY BY DAY.

BE NOT DISCOURAGED, OR OUT OF HUMOUR, BECAUSE PRACTICE FALLS SHORT OF PRECEPT IN SOME PARTICULARS. IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE BEATEN, COME ON AGAIN, AND BE GLAD IF MOST OF YOUR ACTS ARE WORTHY OF HUMAN NATURE. LOVE THAT TO WHICH YOU RETURN, AND DO NOT GO LIKE A SCHOOLBOY TO HIS MASTER, WITH AN ILL WILL.—Marcus Aurelius.

The Weather.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 74; fog.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 67; heavy fog.

Count the Columns.

Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 33 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 33 published.

The Mails.

Canadian and U. K. Mails.—Close per s.s. Panama Maru on Thursday at 1 p.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Yingchow on Thursday at 3 p.m.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1s 9.3-16d.

Eastern Entrance Closed.

Three red balls were hoisted at Cape D'Aguilar and Blackhead Hill to-day, indicating that the eastern harbour entrance was closed.

Nethersole Hospital.

The Superintendent of the Nethersole Hospital acknowledges with thanks the gift of furniture, of the value of \$904.40, to the Nurses' Home from Mr. Au Chak-man.

No Muzzle.

This morning, at the Police Court, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Sgt. Baker summoned Mr. Watson, of the Peak, for allowing his dog to be in Plantation Road without having its muzzle on. The offence was admitted, and the defendant was fined five dollars.

Looking for Uncle.

A Chinese was charged at the Police Court with trespassing within the Indian lines at now-lon after midnight. The defendant said that he had gone there to visit his uncle. The Inspector in charge of the case said the defendant's uncle had permission to hawk within the lines, but was at present in Canton. The defendant was fined \$25, or one month.

At It Again.

A Chinese appeared at the Police Court this morning on a charge of being in unlawful possession of a quantity of rice sweepings. The prisoner was remanded on the application of Inspector Gerrard, who said that the man had done a long term in prison and had failed to report himself to the police as he should have done.

JANUARY RAINFALL.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens during the month of January, 1915, was as follows:—

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28th	—
29th	—
30th	—
31st	—
Total.....	.54

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

FLOUTING INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Germany's Latest Conception of Warfare.

The German raid on British mercantile ships which has now apparently been adopted as part of the enemy's general plan of campaign—in fact, the only coherent scheme he appears to have in hand—is sufficient to show that the last extremity has been reached. All other plans have met with signal failure, and now the Germans are setting out on the impossible task of, to use their own words, starving Britain into submission by the destruction of her mercantile fleet and the withholding of food supplies from the country. That dream is doomed to disappointment; it can never materialise; the most that the enemy can do is to indulge in a few pin-pricks, which can have no appreciable effect on our shipping trade and can in no real sense interfere with our food supply. Above all, her decision can have no direct bearing on the war and, at its best, cannot help Germany one iota. The whole plan is foolishly conceived, and it will have only one effect—namely to add to the debt which Germany will have to pay when it comes to the day of reckoning.

Contrary to Usage.

So long as the enemy conforms to international usages in dealing with our shipping, or that of our Allies, we have no cause for complaint. But when it comes to deliberately torpedoing boats without notice, then not only ourselves, but the whole civilised world, must raise a strong protest. That this is Germany's conception of warfare is not altogether to be wondered at, regrettable though it is. A nation which will regard a Treaty to which it has solemnly put its hand as "a scrap of paper" will not scruple to disregard recognised principles of international law. Apart altogether from Conventions and Treaties, certain laws, usages and rights of war have come to be generally recognised. Cruel or wanton acts of destruction and devastation are wholly contrary to those usages, and among all civilised states the general tendency of the laws of warfare is becoming more favourable to humanity at large. Keeping these points in mind, what can be said of the German method of sending a defenceless merchant ship to the bottom without a moment's notice? Such acts are utterly unworthy of a civilised nation and must call forth the condemnation of all right-thinking people.

Safeguarding Human Life.

As showing that international law is not always dependent on Treaties and Conventions it may be recalled that, in the last war with Turkey, Italy issued a Decree outlining her conception of naval warfare, and one of the Articles of that Decree gave her the right to destroy prizes at sea "after having provided for the safety of all persons on board." That Decree was generally accepted as the then latest embodiment of international practice; it was communicated to all the Powers and no objection was taken to it. Germany, however, prefers to destroy, ruthlessly and without warning, merchantships flying the enemy's flag, and in following that policy she has, to use the words of the French Ministry of Marine, placed herself outside the pale of humanity. But the day of reckoning will surely come.

Duke of Connaught's Greetings to Boy Scouts.

Ottawa, December 25.—As chief of the Boy Scouts of Canada, the Duke of Connaught has sent the following telegram to General Baden-Powell:—"In the name of the Canadian Boy Scouts I send you hearty Christmas greetings and affectionate regards to the Boy Scouts of the Motherland in the most worthy part they are taking on behalf of King and Empire."

OLD HONGKONG.

What the "Times" Thought About Us.

(Continued from Friday).

The various quarrels that broke out from time to time among the officials of the Colony, while attracting the attention of the New-castle Chamber of Commerce, gradually fomented in England until sharp reference was made to them in the *Times* of March 15, 1859. The Outlets Society of Sheffield had already sent in a petition to the Government, as they viewed the trend of affairs with more than a little alarm, and the inhabitants of Tynesmouth had shown their interest in the matter by actively brooking up the petition. The article in the *Times* followed as a natural sequel and Hongkong was dealt with in very measured terms. "The sound of the name," says the article, "in our Parliamentary proceedings never bodes good to our national interests. It is always connected with some fatal pestilence, some doubtful war, or some discredit-able internal squabble; so much so that, in popular language, the name of this noisy, quarrelsome, discontented and insubstantial little island may not inaptly be used as a euphemistic synonym for a place not mentionable to ears polite." This probably accounts for the saying likening Hongkong to the hinge of an equally unmentionable place. If, indeed, Hongkong were as bad as the above passage seems to indicate, there is more than a little justification for a subsequent wish in the same article that the sea should take it back again. The wish of the *Times* for the appointment of some one in the nature of a Dictator would show that, even at this time, people at home realised the necessity for stringent methods in dealing with the unfortunate state of affairs that marred the early history of the Colony. To deal fully with the various quarrels, jealousies and intrigues that were characteristic of colonial life in Hongkong would take more space than history of that nature deserves, but the repeated attempts to remove different men from office, the suspensions of others for charges on which they were never punished, and the general failure to free the innocent from blame and to punish the guilty, left the affairs of Hongkong in a state of chaos unbelievable at the present time.

Straight Talk.

Incidentally, perusal of old papers dealing with the history of Hongkong tends to show that the journalism of fifty years ago was redder-blooded than is that of the present day. As an example of contemporaneous invective the following from the *Morning Herald* (a Home paper) is certainly interesting:—"It is annoying to see an empty-headed, malevolent, lying political quack like old—drawing upon himself such notoriety. True, it is unenviable but it makes no difference to him; for being as unscrupulous as Louis Napoleon, and having about as much idea of propriety as Titus Oates, our opinion is he would be at bliss in a pillory so long as none of the bystanders throw anything hard at him." The subject of this interesting comment was, at the time, Governor of Hongkong.

The Acquisition of Kowloon. The history of Hongkong might be divided into two parts quite easily—when it had Kowloon and when it had not. It was in 1861, however, that Kowloon was handed over to the British with due form and ceremony, Saturday afternoon, January 19, being the time and date. The British representative journeyed to Kowloon—without the use of a ferry—landed on the mud bank and beach that existed, and met four Chinese mandarins. They handed the British a handful of earth wrapped up in paper, and Kowloon had been transferred. That handful of earth represented about four square miles of land which has now been extended by the addition of the New Territories. Of course, a Proclamation had to be read—the Chinese version being displayed on a placard—the standard raised and a salvo of cannon fired. Kowloon was then an appanage of England. Apparently Kowloon was a separate colony for at any rate

DOCKYARD RIFLE CLUB.

Shooting for the President's Cup.

On Saturday last the first shot was held at Tai Hang Range the cup presented by the President of the Rifle Club, the Club Constructor, Mr. E. R. Bate. The shoots are being arranged, winner to be the competitor having the highest aggregate of five shoots.

Shooting on Saturday adversely affected by a strong variable wind, as is evidenced by scores, which are as follows:—

Name.	200.	500.	600.	Net Points.
Mr. Edmonds	26	28	28	17
" Stokes	29	26	20	75
" Luke	25	17	23	65
" Winde-				
bank	20	24	24	74
" Holway	23	31	32	7
" Stannard	24	23	19	71
" Elson	31	28	29	88
" T. Hen-				
nessy	24	22	13	59
" Wright	31	26	24	81
" May	18	30	26	74
" Brown	28	30	25	83
" Brock	28	30	24	82
" Cousins	30	28	22	80
" Swiggs	25	14	25	65
" Warren	23	23	11	60
" McCarthy	23	26	10	59
" Ponsford	27	24	27	78
" Day	34	25	18	77
" F. Will-				
iams	23	27	22	72
" Worth	25	26	21	72
" H. Hen-				
nessy	16	9	16	41
" Craig	21	13	6	40
" Pope	27	23	13	63

On Sunday, 31st January, the 2nd shoot was held, the conditions being slightly better than on Saturday. The scores were as follows:—

Name.	200.	500.	600.	Net Points.
Mr. Swiggs	28	31	24	81
" Trueman				
(Junior)	31	28	19	78
" T. Hen-				
nessy	26	19	17	62
" F. Will-				
iams	30	29	27	86
" Lockhart	27	27	21	75
" Elson	29	32	28	75
" Tooker				
(Senior)	29	29	24	82
" Stokes	23	25	20	71
" Winde-				
bank	27	21	21	69
" Warren	18	20	21	60
" May	24	23	22	72
" James	26	24	21	71
" Goodman	24	28	23	75
" H. Hen-				
nessy	15	24	13	52
" Cousins	26	27	28	81
" Brock	29	29	23	81
" Cathill	24	20	10	63
" Craig	17	12	14	43
" Worth	25	29	13	67
" Taylor	18	21	17	56

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Little while, for, after the session, the Captain Superintendent of Police was appointed Commissioner of Kowloon. Later in the year a proclamation finally incorporated Kowloon with Hongkong and put it in the political position that it occupies to-day. Though there are residents who remember the peninsula as a bare piece of land with a muddy shore, Kowloon, shortly after its transfer to the Queen, must have had a goodly population of its own, for it was the site of a camp when the Allied forces of French and English, engaged on an expedition to China, were quartered there for some time. (To be continued).

COMPANY MEETINGS.

The West Point Building Co., Ltd.

(VERBATIM.)

The annual general meeting of the West Point Building Company, Ltd., was held this morning at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Sir C. P. Chater presiding. There were also present the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and J. W. C. Bimar, directors; Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, secretary; and Messrs. M. S. Northcote, E. Bruce Shepherd, A. A. Fyfe, F. Maitland, A. F. Arculli and H. W. Looker, shareholders.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—"If you are agreeable, we will take the report and accounts as read. The net profits on the year's working amount to \$53,304.52, against \$52,049.24 the previous year. The revenue, as the whole of the property is under lease, is exactly the same. The existing lease has 15 months to run, but I may mention that during the year there have been several enquiries from parties desiring to acquire the property, but, as none of these came up to what your Directors thought the Estate was worth, we have had no occasion to bring the matter of a sale before you.

There were also during the year, before war broke out, several efforts to lease the property at increased rental, but on account of the currency of the existing lease, nothing can be settled in this direction for the present.

If any shareholders would wish for any further information I should be glad to furnish it.

The Chairman:—There being no questions, I beg to propose that the report and accounts be accepted.

Mr. Arculli:—I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman:—Proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Arculli that the report and accounts as presented be accepted. Those in favour please hold up their hands. Against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. Fyfe:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Maitland and seconded by Mr. Fyfe, that the Hon. Mr. D. Landale and Mr. C. S. Gubbay be re-elected directors. Those in favour please hold up their hands. Against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. Northcote:—I beg to propose that Mr. A. C. Hynes be re-elected auditor at a remuneration of \$50 for the coming year.

Mr. Shepherd:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Northcote and seconded by Mr. Shepherd that Mr. A. C. Hynes be re-elected as auditor. Those in favour. Against? Carried unanimously. That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance.

The Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., was held this morning at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Sir C. P. Chater presiding. There were also present the Hon. Mr. D. Landale and the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, directors; Messrs. A. Shelton Hooper, secretary; C. S. Gubbay, H. W. Looker, M. S. Northcote and J. H. N. Mody, shareholders.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—"The balance sheet and report having been in your hands for some days I will, with your permission, take them as read. The company only having been formed seven months ago the accounts to 31st December, are only for that portion of the year and the net profits made therein amount to \$44,463.73, out of which it is proposed to pay a dividend at the rate of a little over 7 per cent. per annum, or \$4.09 per share; thus avoiding a fraction of one cent per share which, on account of the broken period of a year

would have been payable had the proposed dividend been 7 per cent.

In consequence of one or two leases having expired since the company was formed, your directors have been enabled, as anticipated, to renew the same at increased rentals.

On account of the war, some of the foreign leases may be cancelled before their full term has run, although so far that has not been the case; however, we have enquiries in respect of some of them for their re-letting, should such cancellation occur. I have nothing more to say, gentlemen. If there are any questions to be asked I shall be pleased to answer them.

The Chairman:—There being no questions, I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be accepted and passed. I shall be pleased if some gentleman will second that.

Mr. H. W. Looker seconded.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Looker that the report and accounts as presented be accepted and passed. Those in favour please hold up their hands. Those against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. C. S. Gubbay:—I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Sir C. P. Chater as director.

Mr. Mody:—I beg to second the re-election of Sir C. P. Chater as director.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Gubbay and seconded by Mr. Mody that Sir Paul Chater be re-elected director. Those in favour. Against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. Looker:—I beg to propose the re-election of Mr. H. Percy Smith and Mr. A. C. Hynes as auditors at a remuneration of \$75 each.

Mr. Gubbay:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Looker and seconded by Mr. Gubbay that Messrs. Percy Smith and A. C. Hynes be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$75 each. Those in favour. Against? Carried unanimously. That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., was held at noon today at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., the Hon. Mr. D. Landale presiding. There were also present Sir C. P. Chater, the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and G. W. Barton, directors; Mr. Shelton Hooper, secretary; and Messrs. T. F. Hough, H. W. Looker, L. N. Leefe, Ho Fook, A. F. Arculli, M. S. Northcote, D. K. Moss and H. P. Smith, shareholders.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—"In submitting the reports and accounts which are already in your possession, I will, with your approval, take them as read. The net profits for the year show an improvement to the extent of \$73,185.48; of this amount \$56,303.39 is the profit made on sales of property and \$33,483.15 is the increase in our rental accounts. Against this there is \$19,373.41 for increase in the debit interest.

At the beginning of the year, we brought forward \$9,550.68, and after paying our usual dividend of 7 per cent. we are enabled to carry forward \$70,349.01, a result you will no doubt deem satisfactory.

The amount at which our landed property stands in our books is \$6,706,142.08, as against \$6,362,888.61 in the accounts for the previous year, for, although we sold some property, we have also acquired a valuable property in the central district.

Out of the total value of our properties, \$6,489,395.90 represents properties fully developed and \$239,746.78 properties in course of development.

Repairs.—All the Company's properties have been kept in repair and the cost of these repairs, which in one instance was the re-roofing of a house at an expenditure of about \$7,000, have all been charged to Working Account. It necessarily follows that as we increase our holdings the amount expended in the maintenance of property must increase proportionately.

Mortgages.—During the past year the amount advanced on mortgage stands at \$318,000, against \$86,000 in the previous year.

As I informed you at our last general meeting, the question of reclaiming the foreshore along Praya East, in which we are largely interested, was being revived by the Government, but on account of the war no further progress has been made in the scheme. I hope, however, the matter will not be postponed for much longer.

The Company's holdings in kindred land companies has been increased from \$271,218.70 to \$383,481.20; one lakh of this amount represents the interest we have acquired in the Central Estate, Ltd. We have been appointed Agents for this Company, which will increase our Commission Account.

On account of the war, there has been a slight decrease in the value of the landed properties, but so far this has been felt very slightly by ourselves, as many of our Chinese properties are let on lease, which are still current, and we believe that when the war has ceased all properties will again become enhanced in value.

We have not so far had any offices thrown on our hands, and although a time may come when it will be necessary for us to seek new tenants I do not think they will be difficult to find. If it should be found that there are more offices available than the business community of Hongkong requires, it is not those in the centre of the business quarter, where cures are situated, that are likely to remain empty for any length of time, but rather those more on the outskirts of that quarter. I think I am justified in saying that I am hopeful that we shall be able to avoid any serious reduction in the revenue from rentals of offices.

After the adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded, I shall be happy to answer any question which shareholders may wish to ask, to the best of my ability. I beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. T. F. Hough:—I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman:—The report and accounts are now before the meeting, if any shareholder has any remarks to make.

Proposed by myself, and seconded by Mr. Hough, that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. Those in favour please signify in the usual manner. Those against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. H. W. Looker:—I beg to propose the confirmation of Mr. Barton and Mr. Widmann as directors.

Mr. Ho Fook:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Looker and seconded by Mr. Ho Fook that the election of Messrs. Barton and Widmann be confirmed. Those in favour please signify in the usual manner. Those against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. T. F. Hough:—I beg to propose the re-election of the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim and Mr. C. S. Gubbay as directors.

Mr. Arculli:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Hough and seconded by Mr. Arculli that the Hon. Mr. Shellim and Mr. C. S. Gubbay be re-elected directors. Those in favour. Against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. L. N. Leefe:—I beg to propose the election of Messrs. H. P. Smith and A. C. Hynes as auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each.

Mr. D. K. Moss:—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman:—Proposed by Mr. Leefe and seconded by Mr. Moss that Messrs. Percy Smith and A. C. Hynes be elected auditors. Those in favour please signify in the usual way. Against? Carried unanimously. That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance.

The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Land Reclamation Company, Ltd., was held this afternoon at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., the Hon. Mr. D. Landale presiding. There were also present Sir C. P. Chater, the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, and Mr. C. S. Gubbay directors; Mr. M.

The receipts of the customs at Sourabaya over the whole year 1914 amounted to a total of 10,148,000, or six hundred thousand guilders less than in the preceding year. There are, however, various indications that the trade of the port is gradually reviving.

The Late Sir J. P. Rodger, Itoh, January 21.—A handsome memorial tablet has been erected in All Saints' Church, Taiping, to the memory of the late Sir J. P. Rodger, Resident successively of Pahang, Selangor and Perak, and latterly the Governor of the Gold Coast.—*Straits Times.*

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COMPRADORE OVERCHARGES.

Sequel in the Police Court.

Cheung Cheong, a compradore of Arsenal Street, was summoned this morning, before Mr. Llanza-laud, for charging for foodstuffs more than the prices fixed by the Food Prices Committee.

Mr. A. M. Pritchard, charge-men of founders at the Royal Naval Yard, said that January 25 the compradore entered in his book eight cents for two lbs. of sweet potatoes, which was one cent per pound above the price set out in the published lists.

The defendant said that the complainant's cook asked for eight cents' worth of sweet potatoes and received them.

His Worship said that the Ordinance had to be strictly followed, and fined the defendant \$25, or, in default, one month's hard labour.

DAY BY DAY.

Latest Advertisements.

A vacancy occurs at the Diocesan Girls' School for a trained teacher.—Page 5.

On the 5th inst., Mr. G. P. Lammett is selling tweed and serge suit lengths.—Page 5.

Judgment Reserved.

The action in which Messrs. Lawran and Company were sued for \$1,000 under an agreement, and which was adjourned in the Summary Court, yesterday, was continued to-day. At the conclusion, his Lordship reserved judgment.

The Coal Case.

The hearing of the case, in which two Chinese are charged with being in unlawful possession of briquettes, the property of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., was resumed this afternoon, the proceedings not having concluded when we went to press.

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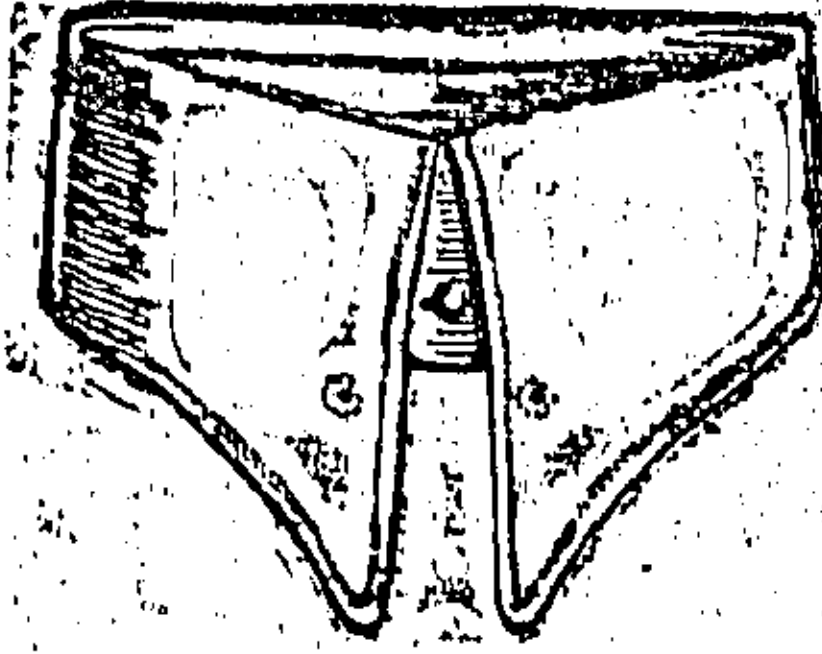
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Yasaka	25,000 "	" 22nd April
Miyasaki	16,000 "	" 6th May
Kitano	16,000 "	" 20th May
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Awa	12,500 "	" 9th March
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Steamer.	Arrive Hongkong from Australia.	Leave Hongkong for Australia.
Empire	8th Feb. at 11 a.m.	19th Feb. "
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Hafyang ..	A. E. Hodgins...	TUES., 2nd Feb. at 1 p.m.
Haiching ..	W. C. Passmore...	TUES., 9th Feb. at 1 p.m.

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Halmun	A. H. Stewart...	WED., 3rd Feb. at 1 p.m.

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The Dollar Steamers.
The American steamer Robert Dollar, Captain Morton, which arrived in port from Norfolk on January 18, with a cargo of coal, will be despatched on or about February 9 by the Dollar agency, through the Luzon Brokerage company for San Pedro and San Francisco, with a large general cargo from this port. According to cable advices received by the Robert Dollar Steamship Company, the Beasie Dollar, Captain Abernethy, was scheduled to leave Hongkong on January 23 and is expected to arrive at Manila this morning from the Pacific coast via Hongkong. She is bringing a general cargo for this port and will be despatched by the local agents on or about January 30 for San Francisco direct, with a general cargo from this port. The Hazel Dollar, Captain Ridley, of the same company, is scheduled to leave Puget Sound ports today for Manila. According to a cablegram received by the local owners, the Hazel Dollar is expected to arrive here on or about March 10. The M. S. Dollar, Captain Gear, which is making her maiden trip under the American flag, left Port Arthur on January 22 and is due to arrive at Manila on or about March 21. This steamer is bringing a cargo of oil and gasoline consigned to Wiss and Company.—Cablegrams.

Saving Life At Sea.—Presentation of Medals.
The King has decorated the following with the Board of Trade Silver Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea, as stated after their names:—William Cairns, chief officer, and Anton Emi Dahrin, carpenter, of the steamship Baron Erskine, of Ardrossan. On the 10th July 1913, while the steamship Baron Erskine, of Ardrossan, was lying at Hongkong, three Lascars were overcome by carbon dioxide fumes in the fore-peak tank. Despite the presence of the poisonous fumes, Cairns and Dahrin went into the tank, and were successful in getting them out. Although artificial respiration was tried, the three men did not recover. Travelyan Mackenzie, apprentice, of the steamship Narragansett, of Greenock; James Rositar, quartermaster, and Edward D. Cunningham and John Henry Price, seamen, of the steamship Devonian, of Liverpool, and John McAllister, seaman, of the steamship Asian, of Liverpool. On the 9th October, 1913, while the steamship Volturo, of London, was in the North Atlantic Ocean, a fire broke out in the forward part of the ship. The men named above incurred considerable risk in saving life from this burning vessel. Alfred Markler Souter, chief officer of the steamship Invergyle, of Glasgow. On the 26th November, 1913, the brig Evelyn, of Oamaru, was in distress in the North Atlantic Ocean. Mr. Souter commanded a lifeboat which, despite the strong gale and heavy seas, put off from the Invergyle and saved three members of the Evelyn's crew. George Edward Jacobs, skipper of the trawler J.G.O., of Lowestoft. On the 22nd September, 1914, His Majesty's Ship Aboukir was torpedoed while on patrol duty in the North Sea and began to sink. H.M.S. Hogue and Crossy proceeded to the assistance of the Aboukir, and were also struck by torpedoes and sank. Jacobs, though unaware whether the explosion was due to a mine or a torpedo, did not hesitate to proceed at once to the scene of the disaster, and with three other vessels assisted in saving several hundreds of lives.

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Telegraphic advices were received by the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.'s office in Shanghai, last week, to the effect that on the 17th instant, the Tientsin (Peking) River was open to navigation as far as Tangku Bar, but that it was for the present impossible to proceed up river nearer Tientsin. The O. M. S. Hainan, discharged cargo at Tangku and was forwarded by railway to Tientsin, the steamer leaving Tangku on the return trip to Shanghai.

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HAIPHONG	Taksang	Thur.	4th Feb. at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & Kobe	Kumsang	Sat.	6th Feb. at d'light
MANILA	Talsang	Sat.	6th Feb. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat.	13th Feb. at 3 p.m.
YOKOHAMA & Kobe	Yatshing	Tues.	16th Feb. at d'light
TIENSIN	Cheongshing	Fri.	19th Feb. at d'light

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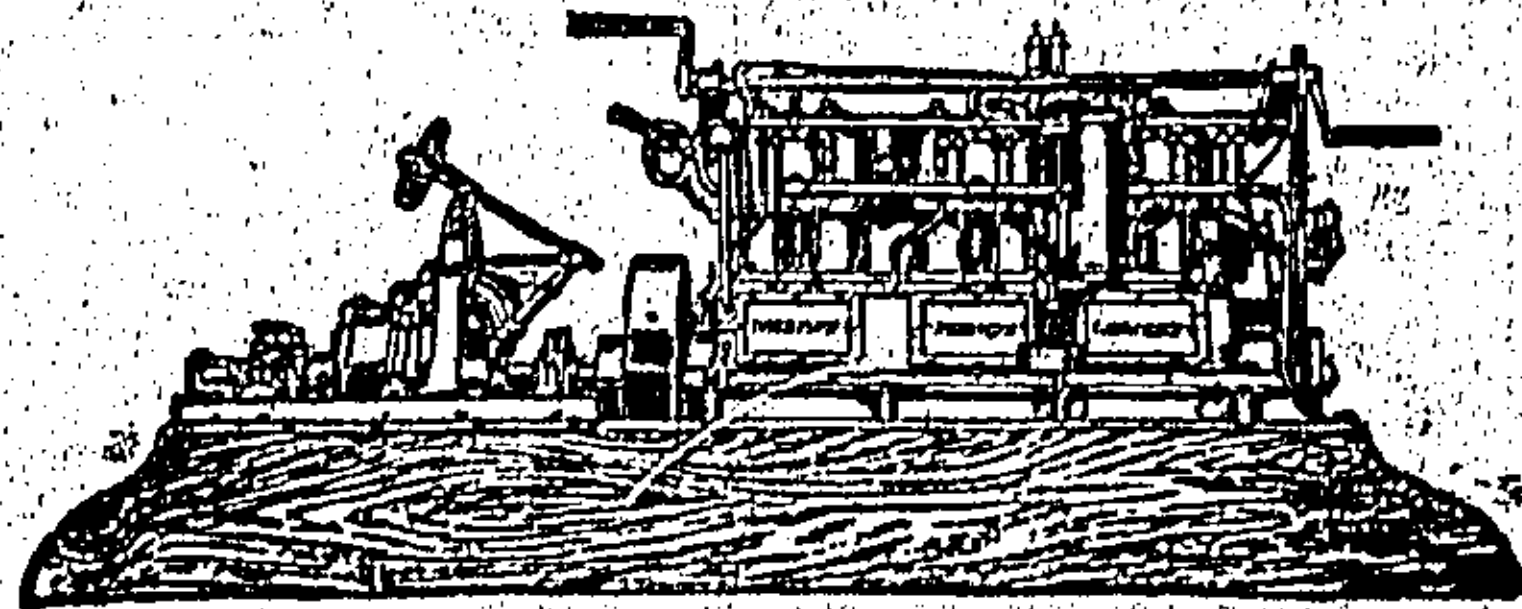
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New York via Ports & Suez Canal	Chinese P. S. T. Co.	8, Feb.
V'toria, B.C. & S'tevia S'hai & Co.	Sado M. N. Y. K.	9, Feb.
San Francisco via M'la & Japan & Co.	Nippon M. T. K. K.	9, Feb.
San Francisco via S'hai & Japan & Co.	Mongolia P. M. Co.	17, Feb.
Via B.C. T'ma via M'la & Japan & Co.	Seattle M. O. S. K.	23, Feb.
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan & Co.	Monteagle C. P. R.	24, Feb.
New York via Panama	Royal P. B. L. L.	24, Feb.
San Francisco and San Pedro	M. S. Dollar R. D. Co.	1, Mar.
San Francisco via Manila & Japan & Co.	Persia P. M. Co.	2, Mar.

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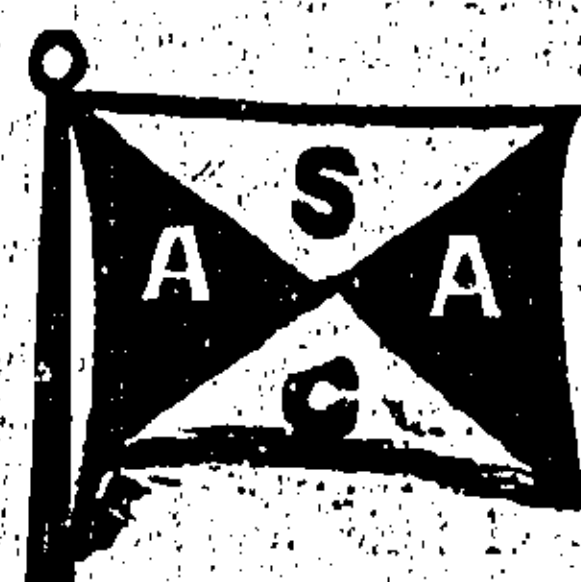
Australian Ports	Empire	G. L. Co.	8, Feb.
Australian Ports via Manila	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	12, Feb.
Australian Ports	Aldenharn	G. L. Co.	19, Feb.

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Ningpo and Shanghai	Iohang	B. & S.	4, Feb.
Kobe and Yokohama	Mishima	N. Y. K.	6, Feb.
Bombay via S'pore, Port S'ham, Penang & Colombo	Java Maru	O. S. K.	6, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	6, Feb.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	9, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	9, Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Chili	M. M.	9, Feb.
Shanghai	Malta	P. & O.	12, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Kawachi	M. N. Y. K.	15, Feb.
Bombay via S'pore & Colombo	Jinsen M.	N. Y. K.	16, Feb.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Y'hama	Namur	P. & O.	20, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Rangoon M.	N. Y. K.	20, Feb.
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VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Yuenang, Br. s.s. 1,123, P. H. Rolfe, 20th ult.—Manila, 17th ult., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	Tjpanak, Dat. s.s. 2,444, A. Lence, 22nd ult.—Amoy, 20th ult. Ballast—J. C. L.	Telemaebus, Br. s.s. 1,350, A. Fraser, 23rd ult.—Sailon, 18th ult., Gen.—Chinese.	Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,469, R. Hashimoto, 25th ult.—Shanghai, 22nd Jan., Gen.—T. K. K.	Radnorshire, Br. s.s. 2,699, Willats, 25th Jan.—Manila, 22nd Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	Ishin Maru, Jap. s.s. 921, R. Minagawa, 28th Jan.—Takau, 26th Jan., Gen.—Chinese.	Chinhua, Br. s.s. 1,351, Finlayson, 29th Jan.—Manila, 26th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	Chiyuen, Chi. s.s. 1,177, Rosa, 30th Jan.—Shanghai, 27th Jan., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.	Faoting, Br. s.s. 1,072, F. M. Dillon, 30th Jan.—Shanghai, 26th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.	Cheongshing, Br. s.s. 1,259, C. Liddell, 30th Jan.—Tientsin, 25th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.	Ruhl, Am. s.s. 1,403, J. Miller, 29th Jan.—Sailon, 26th Jan., Gen.—Order.	Sado Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,622, A. Asakawa, 31st Jan.—Shanghai, 28th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.	Laertes, Br. s.s. 1,350, A. Jenkins, 31st Jan.—Sailon, 26th Jan., Rice & Gen.—Chinese.	Hongkong, French s.s. 742, A. Marguerite, 31st Jan.—Haiphong, 29th Jan., Gen.—A. R. Marty.	Iohang, Br. s.s. 1,238, Pike, 30th Jan.—Hongkong, 21st Jan., Coal—B. & S.	Taksang, Br. s.s. 987, McClure, 31st Jan.—Haiphong, 30th Jan., Gen. and Rice—J. M. & Co.	Helyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,594, T. Nakamura, 31st Jan.—Klinghorn, 27th Jan., Salt—D. & Co.	Umta, Br. s.s. 8,432, T. P. Paul, 1st inst.—Sailon, 27th ult., Gen.—D. S. & Co.	Tjimanoeek, Dat. s.s. 3,510, A. W. LaRooy, 1st inst.—Java, 23rd ult., Gen.—J. C. L.	Bayarin, Rus. s.s. 1,659, G. Baiding, 1st inst.—Haiphong, 28th ult., Gen.—Chinese.	Haiyang, Br. s.s. 1,362, A. E. Hodgins, 31st Jan.—Swatow, 30th January Gen.—D. L. & Co.	Auyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 8,014, 1st inst.—Moji, 29th ult., Coal & Gen.—S. K. K.	Taiwan Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,145, H. Sakai, 1st inst.—Hogay, 29th ult., Coal—M. B. K.
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TIDE TABLE.

1st Feb. to 7th Feb. 1915.

Time	High Water	Low Water	Mean Time	High Water	Low Water	Mean Time
Mon	11.11	0.43	11.27	11.44	0.44	11.44
Tues	11.09	0.41	11.25	11.42	0.42	11.42
Wed	11.07	0.39	11.23	11.40	0.40	11.40
Thur	11.05	0.37	11.21	11.38	0.38	11.38
Fri	11.03	0.35	11.19	11.36	0.36	11.36
Sat	11.01	0.33	11.17	11.34	0.34	11.34
Sun	10.59	0.31	11.15	11.32	0.32	11.32

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Patent Slip, No. 2 Kowloon	240	20'	12'	12'
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1915.

ALLEGED MURDER.

[Old Man Said to have Battered Another to Death.]

At the Police Court this afternoon, Cheung Yau, a beggar, of Kowloon City, was charged, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with the murder of a fellow beggar named Cheung Fu, on January 18th, by battering deceased's skull with a piece of iron piping.

Dr. Moore, Government Civil Hospital, and Mr. Browne, Government Analyst, gave evidence on Tuesday last. Death was due, said the doctor, to a fractured skull and laceration of the brain; and Mr. Browne spoke to the blood on the pipe.

An old man, blind and aged about 78, said he was a beggar. He lived next door to the defendant, in the same house as the deceased. Cheung Fu was at one time a cook on a steam launch, but was then a beggar. On the date in question there was a fight. The deceased was sitting on the bed in the house, taking food. The defendant said some one had stolen his rags etc. The deceased was picking his rags and he abused the defendant because the latter had accused him of stealing rags. The deceased was then struck by the defendant with a piece of iron.

By His Worship:—He heard the noise of striking but he did not know how many times blows were struck. Defendant threatened to strike witness as well. Defendant then went to Kowloon City station and witness followed him. He found his way to the station because he knew it well. After the deceased was struck, not a word was said. The quarrel lasted a very short time; there were only a few words.

Defendant denied what witness said.

The hearing was proceeding as we went to press.

THEATRE ROYAL.

The "Grotesques" Again.

The "Grotesques" again entertained Hongkong, or a good part of it, last night at the Theatre Royal. The programme was a full one and was as rapturously received as its predecessor. Mr. Arthur Argent's fine baritone was heard to good effect in "When my Ships" and the prologue from "I Pagliacci," as well as in the popular Burlesque from "Tales of Hoffmann," which he sang in duet with Miss Lilian Gwynne. On each occasion he received a magnificent recall, as did also Miss Gwynne for her "Bird of Love Divine." Miss Phoebe Hodgson was as amusing and as dainty as ever in "Mr. Conductor" and "Waltz me, Dearie" and Miss Irene Greville's "Roller Skating" and child impersonations won the appreciation of the entire house. Mr. Ewart Smith was quite himself in "Do be careful" and "My Word" and fully merited the universal applause which fell to him; while Mr. Hugh Bailey's "Mr. Jollyboy," with its pretty chorus, was enormously popular. Mr. Fred Winn was truly great, whether in "Flirting," "Prunes and Priesms," or in his part as the vicar in the "Amateur Theatricals" sketch, with which the performance closed, and in which every member of the company did worthily and well.

To-night "The Grotesques" present an entirely new programme.

Shipping Insurance - Government Rates Reduced. London, Dec. 25.—The Board of Trade announces that the rate of premium for the insurance of hulls under the Government War Risks Scheme is reduced from 20 to 15 shillings per cent., and the rate for a round voyage or for a time policy for three months is reduced from 40 to 30 shillings per cent.

THE WINDING-UP PETITION.

The Hearing Proper Begun To-day.

This morning, in the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., the case was resumed concerning a petition for the winding-up of the Yue Hing Co. The company is concerned in the opium trade and was registered under the Hongkong Companies' Ordinance under which the proceedings for winding-up are being taken.

Mr. McNeill (of Shanghai) and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Crow, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the petitioners, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the opposition to the petition.

The case is of remarkable interest to local merchants. The petition stated that the Yue Hing Co., Ltd., was incorporated under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance of 1911, on April 28th, 1912, with registered offices at 95, Jervois Street. The nominal capital was \$200,000, being divided into 2,000 shares of \$100. The amount of capital paid up or credited as paid up in respect of the first call was \$100,000, and, as far as the petitioners were aware, another amount of \$43,500 had since been paid up. The objects for which the Company was established were to carry on the business of opium merchants, and to act as general agents for the sale of opium and other goods, and for the objects set forth in the Memorandum of Association.

In the petition it was contended that it would be just and equitable that the Company be wound up because of certain circumstances connected with the management of it and which it was contended required strict and immediate investigation. It was alleged that "overwhelming influence" had been exercised by Lee Hysan, the permanent managing director, whose conduct had created a deadlock in the conduct of the Company's affairs. It was further alleged that false entries had been made in the Company's minute books, of business purporting to have been transacted at two general meetings, which it was alleged were never held. There was also an allegation of fraud.

Mr. Alabaster, on the hearing being resumed, said that his Lordship would remember that on January 28 he told him that he appeared for thirty-four shareholders holding 950 shares; they had given notice before, but since then, on the new advertisement, four others had given notice of opposing. The four shareholders held eighty shares and now that represented 1,030, which was more than half the shares of the company.

His Lordship:—You represent four more shareholders now? Mr. Alabaster:—Yes. He went on to submit that there had to be written notice given subject to the variation circumstances might require. Two of the men who had given notice of their intention to oppose this petition appeared on the list of those supporting it.

Mr. McNeill said he would deal with the matter of instructions later. The laws of the Colony allowed of any seven or eight persons who had an idea for making money incorporating themselves into a limited liability company. If the company did not prosper, the loss fell upon each member of the company according to the extent of his contribution to the capital of the company. The registered office of the company was at 95, Jervois Street. The company was to deal in opium. The persistent efforts of the Chinese Government

THE K. O. Y. L. I.

The Soldier Spirit.

A young officer attached to the Yorkshire Light Infantry writes on December 6:—

One wonder, when one sees a German face to face, is this really one of those devils who wrought such devastation—for devastation they have surely wrought. You can hardly believe it, for he seems much the same as other soldiers. I can assure you that there is none of that insensate hatred that one hears about, out here. We are out to kill, and kill we do, at any and every opportunity. But, when all is done and the battle is over, the splendid universal "soldier spirit" comes over all the men, and we cannot help thinking that Kipling must have been in the firing line when he wrote that "East is East and West is West" thing. Just to give you some idea of what I mean, the other night four German snipers were shot on our wire. The next night our men went out and brought one in who was near and get-at-able and buried him. They did it with just the same reverence and sadness as they do to our own dear fellows. I went to look at the grave the next morning, and one of the most unorthodox-looking men in my company had placed a cross at the head of the grave, and had written on it:—

"Here lies a German. We don't know his name. He died bravely fighting for his Fatherland."

And under that, "got mitt uns" (sic), that being the highest effort of all the men in German. Not bad for a bloodthirsty Briton, eh? Really that shows the spirit.

I don't believe there is a man living who, when first interviewing an 11th. howitzer shell, is not pink with funk. After the first, one gets quite used to them, but really, they are terrible! They hit a house. You can see the great shell—a black streak—just before it strikes, then, before you hear the explosion, the whole house simply lifts up into the air, apparently quite silently; then you hear the roar, and the whole earth shakes. In the place where the house was there is a huge fountain-spout of what looks like pink fluff. It is the pulverised bricks. Then a monstrous shoot of black smoke towering up a hundred feet or more, and, finally, there is a curious willow-like formation, and then—you duck, as huge pieces of shell, and house, and earth, and haystack tumble over your head. And yet, do you know, it is really remarkable how little damage they do against earth trenches. With a whole morning's shelling, not a single man of my company was killed, although not a single shell missed what it had aimed at by more than 50 yards. That makes all the difference, that 50 yards. If you only keep your head down, you are as safe as houses: exactly, you will remark, "safe as houses."—Times.

Karachi Port Trust.

Karachi Port Trust has decided to defer consideration of the question of providing a dry dock.

In connection with the supervision of opium traffic, created some difficulty in working of the stocks which were imported into this Colony. Then came the restrictions of the Government of India and that sent up the value, or was likely to increase the value, of the present holdings. The company's stock books first showed that it was possessed of 283 chests of opium; but at the commencement of 1914 the company had no opium. The hearing was adjourned.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

INTERESTING CHATTER ON TURF, CRICKET AND BOXING TOPICS.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 24.

An incident which occurred at Sandown Park last Saturday (our racing correspondent "Centaur" writes) recalled memories of something unpleasant that happened about two years ago in connection with National Hunt sport. On the occasion to which reference is made the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee held an enquiry into the running of the two horses named Bloodstone and Jacobus, the property of Mr. C. Bower Ismay. The outcome was that the trainer, Tom Coulthwaite and the jockey, R. Chadwick, were warned off and Mr. Ismay was advised to exercise closer supervision of his horses in future. Last week's issue of "The Racing Calendar" announced that the warning-off notice as regards Chadwick had been withdrawn. What, however, brought the incident to mind was the fact that last Saturday the Sandown Park Stewards called upon the jockey, G. Duller, to explain his riding of Mr. Ismay's Elgon. It is necessary to explain that Elgon is a three-year-old hurdler that made an impressive debut at Birmingham when the season opened. This was followed by an appearance for a hurdle race at Windsor a little over a week ago. At the outset he was made favourite but then much opposition was shown to him in the market, with the result that he was ousted from the position by a horse named Sergoi. The latter won the race, while Elgon could not get a place. Coming to Sandown Park, Sergoi and Elgon were meeting again in the same race, but the former was carrying a 7 lb. penalty. That, on the Windsor form, would not have been sufficient to turn the tables, but the market told a different tale. Instead of the two being close companions in the betting, Elgon was now a raging favourite at 6 to 4, and Sergoi was on offer at 8 to 1. What happened? Only that Sergoi never saw the way the other one went; Elgon spread-eagled his field and winning by many lengths. It was an astounding change of form, and so free was the comment that no one was surprised when the Stewards called upon Duller to explain his riding. What his explanation was has not been published officially, but it has been made known that the Stewards did not consider his explanation satisfactory and therefore cautioned him. This is a most unsatisfactory decision. Practically it condemns him while exonerating him, and the thing is being held up to ridicule. Either the jockey is guilty or not guilty. Certainly Mr. Ismay should not be satisfied with the curious verdict, for the censure and caution do not reflect well on his colours.

Popular Successes. There has been more than a pleasant of perplexing form of late, but two successes at the Sandown Park meeting were notably straightforward and popular. At the recent Kempton Park Meeting, Mr. Percy Whitaker's stable had gained somewhat unexpected successes with two horses named Alfred Noble and Santora. The one had won a two-mile steeplechase and the other a maiden hurdle race, beating a very hot favourite from F. Hartigan's stable in Screamer, who won the London Cup this year at Alexandra Park. On this occasion at Sandown Park both horses were strong favourites. Alfred Noble won the Pond Handicap Steeplechase of two miles, carrying 12.1 in heavy going and being beautifully ridden by Parfement, who has hitherto been a leading steeplechase jockey in France. The horse is a particularly big and powerful one and belongs to Mr. T. Barnard, a well-known and popular hunting man in the Oakley country. He bought the horse in France from an American owner who had brought him from America, where he was bred. "Alfred" is a very fine jumper and as he is possessed of good speed he is undoubtedly a notable recruit to steeplechasing in England. He is only coming to himself now, though he had previously displayed smart form when running second for the Manchester Steeplechase last April. Santora is a son of Santafo, and his way of winning was to leave those opposing him with the greatest ease. This horse must be one of the very best hurdlers in the country. He formerly belonged to Major Edwards, and was bought by Mr. Whitaker in Ireland last summer for Lord Gerard. Mr. Whitaker has probably the strongest stable of all now engaged in National Hunt racing. In reference to other winners at Sandown Park, it may be mentioned that the Sandown Handicap Steeplechase of three miles and a half was won for Mr. Frank Bibby by Red Coil. Mr. Bibby, from the Grand National with Kirkland and Glenside, and is a strong supporter of the sport. Red Coil is a rare stayer and a quick jumper. At present she does not jump like a Liverpool horse, but that may come. Mr. Parr's Fleetwing Peace had gone out favourite for this race by reason of having a very light weight, but he fell, and indeed the only other one to complete the course was the last Grand National winner, Sunloch, who jumped beautifully but was stopped by lack of condition. After Sunloch's great triumph at Aintree last March the late Sir Charles Ascheron-Smith bought him for 4,000 guineas. When he died his son and heir, Sir Robin Duff, became his owner, but only for a month, as he was killed in action. The horse now belongs to Mr. W. W. Vivian, who was a relation of the deceased baronet and who has registered the same colours of dark green jacket and crimson cap.

A Great Captain. English cricket has lost one of its most notable personalities by the death of A. O. Jones, the Nottingham and England captain. It is possible that he will not rank very high amongst the world's players, because he never quite touched the greatness of others; but he will always be remembered for his buoyant charm of manner, his infinite capacity as a captain, and his faculty of always making the game interesting. One has always feared that the seeds of Jones' illness were sown in Australia in 1907, when he was captain of the English touring side. He has continued to play each season since; indeed he captained Nottingham in the early matches this year, but it was then realised that his illness was incurable, and after

spending some time in a sanatorium amongst the pines of the New Forest he returned to his mother's home, where he died. Although only 41 years of age, Jones played for Nottingham 22 years. His development was slow, and after F. S. Jackson had given him his Blue at Cambridge he had several lean seasons. Jones was a natural cricketer, and it was perhaps unfortunate that his style was moulded in the Nottingham school, where the influence of Shrewsbury and Gann, those famous batsmen of another generation, whose policy was slow but sure, was strong. As a young man Jones gave the promise of becoming the Victor Trumper of England, but somehow or other a restraint fastened on his natural inclination. And he settled down as a batsman without the abandon he might otherwise have had. The first of the five matches in which he played against Australia in England was in 1899. Two years later he went with MacLaren to Australia and had a very disappointing experience. But there was never a more hopeful captain than Jones when he took out the English team in 1907.

English cricket has not produced a finer fieldman than Jones, who created the position of what has come to be known as "silly third man", and in which by his daring he made some sensational catches. But he could field, anywhere, close in or out in the long field, and the catch he made at Birmingham in 1909 when he dismissed Noble, the Australian captain, was extraordinary. "Jonah," as he was called, perhaps to emphasise his buoyant spirit, was fielding at forward short leg, close up to the batsman. First, the bowler, sent down a loose ball which Noble hit hard and then started to run. The spectators and English players, if one may say so, looked for the ball on the leg boundary, and, when they did not see it, were surprised. The only one who knew what had really happened was Jones, who, as he told the writer afterwards, moved in a yard or so as he saw the Australian captain shaping for the stroke and took the ball ankle high with his left hand. Perhaps the most astounded man of all was the Australian, who afterwards was generous enough to say that it was the finest catch he had ever seen. In his younger days Jones was also a fine Rugby footballer. He never played for England, but he was several times "probable." Then when his playing days were over he became a referee, and the splendid way in which he interpreted the spirit of the game won for him great popularity amongst the men who "hold the whistle."

Boxing. Within a few days of his winning the welter weight boxing championship, Sergeant Basham has been seriously challenged by Matt Wells to a match for \$500 aside. It is a challenge that the new champion can hardly evade, though so far he has not shown his willingness to accept. When Basham defeated Summers for the championship he revealed a power and skill that surprised the members of the National Sporting Club. His victory, in the 9th round, against an opponent whose hard hitting was always dangerous, showed him to be possessed not only of fine resource and generalship, but of speed both in defence and attack. From Summers' point of view it was one of the most important contests a boxer could have to take part in. He had twice previously won the Lonsdale belt, which symbolises and goes with the championship, and the third victory would have made the valuable trophy his own property. The match, too, had another important phase. The National Sporting Club has recently instituted a pension scheme under which all holders of Lonsdale belts—that is men who have won

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY.

"Remembered Nothing" after Six o'Clock.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, a marine, named William Alfred Mungbam, was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner in a tramcar, and, further, with assaulting the conductor.

The conductor said that the defendant boarded the car at the Seamen's Institute, caused some disturbance, and attempted to strike a Chinese passenger, who became so frightened that he left the first-class compartment and went into the third. The defendant followed him, and, when the conductor endeavoured to remonstrate with him, struck him in the face, and later hit the motor man.

Asked what he had to say, the defendant said he had come ashore to celebrate a birthday and after about 6 o'clock he remembered nothing.

Sergt. Blackman said that he was called out of the station to the defendant, who had his coat off and wanted to fight everybody in the car. It took four men to take him to the station, and when he was there he still behaved in a disorderly manner.

On the first charge, the defendant was fined \$3 and on the second \$25, or, in default, twenty-one days' imprisonment.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued yesterday by Lieut-Col. A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Musketry (Standard Test).—Musketry (trained men only) will be carried out as follows:—Saturday, 6th inst. Scouts Co. & Centre Section M. G. Co. at 2.30 p.m. Members must attend punctually at the time stated above. Any man arriving late will not be allowed to fire. Note:—Only members who have fired Part I can fire the Standard Test. Officer on duty in the Butte, Lt. C. Smith. An Officer of each unit firing will attend to take charge in turn, of the firing point and sufficient N.C.O.s of the units will attend to assist the instructor.

Transfer.—No. 1748 Pte. L. J. Blake from H.K.V.R. to Engineer Coy., dated 30.1.15.

40th Pathans' Sports.—Lt.-Col. J. B. Hill and the Officers 40th Pathans regret that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Regimental Sports which were to have been held on 6th instant must now be cancelled.

Officers' Training Lectures.—There will be no lecture to-morrow, 2nd February. It is notified for information that officers and the ladies of their families are invited to attend a course of Historical Lectures by Commander Summerson, R.N., in the R.A. Theatre from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 8th, 9th and 11th, on "The Revolution of Germany."

theirs outright—are to receive £1 a week for life on reaching the age of 50. So far the only boxers who will benefit under this pension scheme are Jim Driscoll, who, by the way, has enlisted in the Welsh Horse and is undergoing military training, and Digger Stanley. Thus Summerson, in being defeated by Basham, not only lost the championship but the Lonsdale belt and a pension of £1 a week. The National Sporting Club, which has always befriended the boxers, has not done anything better than this pension scheme. There are many champions of another day who would now be glad of the benefit others are to enjoy.

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The performance will begin at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, of the nominal value of one dollar, may be obtained on application to the Hon. Sec., Q.C.A.D.C.

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F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs, & Vice-Chairman of the Bureau of National Loans.
Inspector General of Customs, Peking.
18th January, 1915.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Committee has decided that the following shall be the settlement days for the year 1915:—

Thursday January 28th
Friday February 26th
Friday March 26th
Wednesday April 28th
Friday May 28th
Friday June 25th
Wednesday July 28th
Friday August 27th
Tuesday September 28th
Wednesday October 27th
Friday November 26th
Wednesday December 22nd
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" Corned,—Ham Ngau Yuk	" 21
" Roast,—Shiu	" 21
" Breast,—Ngau Lam	" 19
" Soup,—Tong Yuk	" 16
" Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	" 22
" do,—Sirloin—Ngau Lau	" 33
" Sausages,—Ngau Cheung	" 26
Bullock's Brains,—No	per set 12
" Tongue, fresh,—Ngau Li	each 50
" Corned,—Ham Ngau Li	" 60
" Head,—Ngau Tau	" \$1.20
" Heart,—Ngau Sum	" lb. 14
" Hump, Salt,—Ngau Kin	" 22
" Feet,—Ngau Keuk	" each 12
" Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	" 12
" Tail,—Ngau Mei	" 20
" Liver,—Ngau Kon	" lb. 13
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	" 6
Calves' Head & Feet,—Ngau-tai-tan-keuk	set \$1.20
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Pei Kwat	lb. 26
" Leg,—Yeung Pei	" 26
" Shoulder,—Yeung Shan	" 24
" Saddle	" 27
Pigs' Chitlings,—Chu Chong	" 27
" Brains,—Chu No	per set 24
" Feet,—Chu Keuk	lb. 14
" Fry,—Chu Chap	" 16
" Head,—Chu Tau	" 16
" Heart,—Chu Sam	each 12
" Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	" 18
" Liver,—Chu Kon	lb. 30
" Pork, Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	" 26
" Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	" 30
" Leg,—Chu Pei	" 30
" Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	" 20
Sheeps' Head and Feet,—Yeung Tai Keuk	set 60
" Heart,—Yeung Sam	each 8
" Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	" 12
" Liver,—Yeung Kon	lb. 27
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tsai	" 22
Suet, Beef,—Shang Ngau Yau	" 22
" Mutton,—Shang Yeung Yau	" 27
" Veal,—Ngau Tsai Yuk	" 19
" Sausages,—Ngau Tsai Cheung	" 20
" Lard,—Chu Yau	" 22

POULTRY.

Chicken,—Kai Tsai	lb. 30
Capons, Large, Small,—Sin Kai	" 30
Ducks,—Ap	" 24
Doves,—Pan Kan	" 18
Eggs, Hen,—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb. 34
" Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai	" 28
Geese,—Ngo	" 24
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kap	each 30
" Hoihow,—Hoi How Pak Kap,	" 25
Snipe,—Sha Tsui	each 23
Turkeys, Cook,—Fo Kai Kung	lb. 65
" Hen, "—Nai	" 45

FISH.

Barbel,—Ka Yu	lb. 18
Bream,—Pin Yu	" 20
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	" 17
Carp,—Li Yu	" 22
Catfish,—Ohik Yu	" 15
Codfish,—Mun Yu	" 16
Crabs,—Hoi	" 24
Outtle Fish,—Muk Yu	" 18
Dace,—Wong Mai Lap	" 15
Dog Fish,—Tit To Sha	" 12
Eels, Conger,—Hoi Man	" 13
" Fresh water,—Tam Sui Yu	" 20
Eels, Yellow,—Wong Sin	" 32
Frogs,—Tin Kai	" 33
Garoupa,—Shek Pan	" 45
Gudgeon,—Pak Kap Yu	" 18
Herrings,—Tao Pak	" 23
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Kap	" 28
Labrus,—Wong Pa Yu	" 20
Loach,—Wu Yu	" 28
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	" 30
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	" 20
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	" 32
Mullet,—Chai Yu	" 20
Oysters,—Shang Ho	" 24
Parrot Fish,—Kai Kung Yu	" 12
Perch,—Tan Lo	" 24
Pike,—Fa Pau Fong	" 18
Plaice,—Pan Yu	" 14
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Ohong	" 28
Pomfret, White,—Pak Ohong	" 32
Prawns,—Ming Ha	" 40
Ray,—Fai Pa Sha	" 12
Rook Fish,—Shek Ksu Kung	" 18
Roach,—Chun Yu	" 12
Salmon,—Ma Yau	" 35
Shark,—Sha Yu	" 8
Skate,—Po Yu	" 10
Shrimps,—Ha	" 24
Snapper,—Lap Yu	" 22
Soles,—Tat Sha Yu	" 32
Tench,—Wan Yu	" 20
Turbot,—Oho Hwa Yu	" 20
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Kouk Yu	64

FRUITS.

Almonds,—Bang Yan	lb. 35
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	" 18
" (Chefoo)—Tie Chun Ping Kho	" 18
" Small,—Hoi Tong	" 18
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heng Chia	lb. 18
" (brides), Macao,—San Heng Chia	" 18
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Fong Lai	" 18

肉食

Carambola,—Yeung To	0
Coconuts,—Ye To	each 12
Grapes,—Po Tai Ts	lb. 30
Lemons, China,—Ling Mang	" 6
" America,—Kam Shan Ling Mang	" 10
Lichees Dried,—Lai Chi, small Stone	" 30
" Fresh	" 10
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	lb. 15
" Sweet	" 10
Pears, (American), Kam Shan Shoot Lay	" 10
" (Canton), Cookin,—Sha Li	" 10
Peanuts,—Fa Shang	" 10
Persimmons Large,—Hung Ts	" 10
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Pan Ti Po Lo	each 10
" 2nd "—Chung-tang Po Lo	" 10
Plantain,—Tai Chiu	lb. 3
Plums,—Swatow, Hung Lai	" 15
Pumelo, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	each 15
" Shanghai,—Lo Kwat	" 15
Walnuts,—Hop To	lb. 15
" Green,—Sang Hop Tao	" 15
Water Melon,—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each 1

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb. 1
" Cheuk	" 1
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moou Pin Ts	" 1
" (French) Shanghai,—Sheung Hoi Pin	" 1
" Sprout,—Ah Choi	" 8
" Long,—Tau Kok	" 10
Beet Root,—Hung Chai Tau	each 8
Bitter Squash,—Fa Kwa	" 8
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuen Kwa	" 8
" Red,—Hung Ke	" 6
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tsai	" 10
Cabbage, Shanghai,—Ye Tsai	" 14
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shan	lb. 8
Carrots,—Kam Shan	" 12
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Tsai	" 12
Chillies Dried,—Kon Lap Chiu	" 30
" Red,—Hung Fa Chiu	" 18
" Green,—Ching Lap Chiu	" 12
Curry Stuff, English,—Ka Li Chiu Lia	" 10
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	each 2
Garlic,—Sun Tau	lb. 8
Ginger, young,—Sun Tse Keung	" 6
" old,—Lo Keung	" 8
Horse Radish, Shanghai,—Lik Kan	" 15
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	each 5
Lettuce,—Yeung Shang Tsai	" 1
Water Chestnuts,—Ma Tai	lb. 6
" Mandarin,—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	" 8
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Shang Chai Ko	" 35
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 1
Okroes,—	lb. 12
Onions Bombay,—Yeung Chong Tau	" 8
" Green,—Shang Chong	" 6
" Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	" 6
Paraleys,—Kun Tsai	" 10
Green Peas,—Ching Tau	lb. 8
Potatoes, Sweet,—Fan Shu	lb. 3
" Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Shu Ts	" 3
" Japan,—Yut Pun Shu Tsai	" 3
" American,—Fa Ki Shu Tsai	" 8
" Foochow,—Fao-chow Shu Tsai	" 1
Pumpkin,—Tong Kwa	" 3
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	" 5
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	" 12
Sage,—Tse So	" 8
Shallots,—Kon Chong Tau	" 8
Spinach,—Yin Tsai	" 5
Tomatoes,—Tan Ke	" 8
Taro,—Wu Tan	" 6
Turnips, Punti, (Long)—Lo Pak	" 5
" English,—Yeung Lo Pak	" 1
Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa	" 4
" (American)—Kam-san Chit Kwa	" 15
Water Cress,—Sai Yeung Tsai	" 15
" Lily root,—Lin Ngau	" 6
Yams,—Ts Shu	" 6
" English,—Yeung Kan Choi	" 6
" Tau	" 6

海味

Shrimp,—Yin Tsai	" 5
Tomatoes,—Tan Ke	" 8
Taro,—Wu Tan	" 6
Turnips, Punti, (Long)—Lo Pak	" 5
" English,—Yeung Lo Pak	" 1
Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa	" 4
" (American)—Kam-san Chit Kwa	" 15
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" Lily root,—Lin Ngau	" 6
Yams,—Ts Shu	" 6
" English,—Yeung Kan Choi	" 6
" Tau	" 6

The above prices are in accordance with the Government's list of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the 30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule of maximum retail prices:—

1. Flour:—	
(a.) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	\$4.50
per lb.,	10
(b.) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	4.00
per lb.,	8
(c.) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	3.50
per lb.,	7
2. Tinned Milk:—	
(a.) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	30
(b.) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	25
(c.) Sterilized Milk, per tin, (18 oz.),	25
(d.) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin,	35
(e.) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin,	33
(f.) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	20
3. Sugar:—	
Cane, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin,	1.15
Refined Crystallized, per lb.,	12
Granulated, per lb.,	12
Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.,	12
" No. 2 " " " "	11
4. Frozen Meat:—	
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.	

The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in red ink, are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company, in Wyndham Street.]

5. Market Produce:—(See above)

6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 25th July, 1914.

Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount on subsidiary coinage, payment for all articles of food not exceeding \$4 in value (excepting the articles enumerated in clause 6 of Proclamation No. 18 of the 20th October, 1914, and in the above Schedule) shall if made in subsidiary coin be subject to an additional charge of 15 per cent.

CANTON NEWS.

(From our own Correspondent).
Feasts for Consuls.
Canton, Jan. 27.

A short time ago the Kwangtung authorities received a telegram from the Central Government in which they were urged to maintain more friendly relations with the representatives of foreign nations if possible. This course was thought advisable in view of the conditions in Europe. Accordingly, with the customary idea of what constitutes true Chinese hospitality, Governor Li and General Lung gave two great feasts in the Aviation Court on the 22nd inst. and 23rd inst., at which they royally entertained the Consuls of U.S.A., Germany, Great Britain, France, Russia, Japan, and Sweden. For obvious reasons, it was necessary to hold two feasts instead of one. Therefore no casualties have been reported up to date.

Conservation Funds for West River.

It has been decided by the powers that be that the sum of \$100,000 should be appropriated from the big lottery tax for the purpose of beginning the work of harnessing the West River. But the Lottery Co. has so far been able to pay only \$20,000 of its tax, saying it is only beginning and the company has been obliged to incur great expenses to organise its work. They promise to pay the balance of the sum needed in the near future, so the \$20,000 has been handed over to Supt. Tam, who will begin the good work at once. It is greatly to be hoped this work may be pushed to a satisfactory conclusion at the earliest possible moment.

Sale of Public Bonds.

It has been decided to offer for sale \$5,000,000 of public bonds and Kwangtung will have ten per cent. for sale. The officers of the Department of Finance will have charge of the entire matter so that there will be no extra expenses to the Government in handling the matter.

Concessions to Flood Sufferers.

During the disastrous floods of last year a large proportion of the inhabitants of Kwong Chow and Shui Hing Prefectures lost all their farm buildings, live stock, etc. In view of this state of affairs, Governor Li has ordered an investigation to be conducted by the local magistrates, under the direction of the Financial Department, to ascertain how many of the sufferers are so seriously embarrassed that it would be wise to excuse them from the payment of paddy-field taxes.

Another New Railway.

Sometime ago plans were drawn for the construction of a branch from the Chuan-Han Railway to run a distance of about 1,400 li into territory occupied by the provinces of Kwongsi, Kweichow, Yunnan and Szechuen. This line would enormously facilitate business in these regions and its benefits were so apparent that the Board of Communication made an immediate agreement with the Franco-Chinese Bank to proceed to the construction as quickly as possible. The outbreak of European hostilities has seriously embarrassed the work and an appeal to the Central Government has resulted in the proposition of a new method of procedure by which it is expected that the work will be carried on without further delay. If this matter is brought to a successful termination it will be a great thing for the people of that section of the country.

Pro-German Nonsense.

The amount of fairy tales circulated in the native papers about reported German successes is beyond belief. A few days ago your correspondent was asked what he thought now about the certainty of the success of the Allies since London had been captured by the German forces. This idiotic question came from a prominent newspaper man of this city, a man supposed to be in possession of ordinary common sense. When asked for the source of his astounding news he referred to an item in a native paper purporting to be a telegram from Berlin. Paris is now, according to these reliable authorities, in imminent danger of being captured; in fact we might say it is in the habit of being captured every few days. The forces of the German armies in the field outnumber those of

NOTED BRITISH GENERAL'S DEATH.

Sir T. Kelly-Kenny's Rise to Fame.

The *Globe* of December 26 says:—We regret to announce the death of General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, which took place this morning at Hove. Decedent, who was 74 years of age, was a G.O.B., K.C.B., K.C.V.O., and had also many foreign decorations. Son of the late Mr. M. Kelly, D.L., of Kilrush, Co. Clare, he assumed the surname of Kenny in 1874.

He entered the army as an ensign in the 2nd Foot in 1858, served in China in 1860, when he was mentioned in despatches, commanding a division of the Transport Train in Abyssinia in 1867 and 1868. Later he commanded the Infantry Brigade, and afterwards the troops at Aldershot, was appointed Inspector-General of Auxiliary Forces and Recruiting, and became Adjutant-General of the Forces from 1901 to 1904.

In the South African War he was a Lieutenant-General on the staff in command of the 6th Division of the Field Force and was twice mentioned in despatches. His name during those thrilling times was prominently before the public. He retired in 1907.

DIARY OF WAR.

(Continued from back of Page 8).

Jan. 16.—Russians bayonet an entire Turkish regiment in the Caucasus. French Socialists declare in favour of a continuation of the war until the victory of the Allies is complete. Allies make substantial progress at many points.

Jan. 17.—Russians seize important Kurilbata Pass in the Carpathians, bordering on Transylvania.

Jan. 18.—Announced that after three days' fighting the Russians register complete success over the Turks at Kureurgan, annihilating their rearguard and pursuing the remnant of the army. Herr Kaebner resigns post of Secretary to the German Treasury.

Jan. 19.—Two German aeroplanes captured near Barle-Duc. German ships drop bombs on Yarmouth and King's Lynn, killing two men and two women and damaging property.

Jan. 20.—Russian destroyer sinks twelve Turkish merchantmen near Arkhaye. Fierce fighting in France.

Jan. 21.—General Falkenhayn resigns post as German Minister for War, being succeeded by General Wild von Hohenborn. British steamer Durward sunk by German submarine near the mouth of the Meuse.

Jan. 22.—Announced that Allies have made good general progress in past three days, despite severe German attacks. British naval aeroplanes drop bombs on German submarines and guns at Zebrugga.

Jan. 23.—Announced that Germans attempted to pierce British line at St. Omar, advancing in massed formation, but were repulsed with heavy losses. Dutch fishermen report having seen a Zeppelin founder at sea.

Jan. 24.—Russians continue to rout Turks. German naval raid on English coast intercepted; German cruiser Blucher sunk and two battle-cruisers seriously damaged; no British ships lost.

The Allies at least two to one and Germany has not yet called out one-half of her available strength.

As the weather moderates in the spring we shall see how rapidly the soldiers of the great War Lord will shatter the pusillanimous opposition to his pious endeavours to bring the entire world into harmony with his exalted notions of "Kultur" and real freedom! Is it not a bit strange that the Hongkong editors, with all their reputed vigilance, fail to pick up such interesting items of information?

SILIMPON GOAL BUNKERS.

can be supplied at cheap rates at SANDAKAN & SEBATTIK (British North Borneo). At these ports steamers calling for bunker coal, exclusively are exempt from all shipping dues and charges.

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POST OFFICE.

Ships' Letter Boxes.

1. It is hereby notified that during the continuance of the War all outgoing correspondence must be posted at the General Post Office or at any of its Branch Offices.

2. Ships' Officers are strictly forbidden to receive on board their vessels any correspondence from the Public.

3. Shipmasters are not allowed to place or expose on board their vessels letter boxes for the purpose of collecting correspondence; all such boxes found exposed on board their vessels will be removed and returned to the General Post Office.

4. Shipping Companies must not receive from the Public for inclusion in their ships' Papers any but bona fide correspondence letters which should be left open for inspection when required.

5. Shipping Companies should state in their notifications to the Post Office the exact hour of departure of their vessels in order that the public may have every facility for posting at the General Post Office.

6. Shipping Companies and Ships' Officers must send to the Post Office ALL correspondence posted in the Ships' Letter Boxes or received by Ships' Officers at the ports from which they sailed, or anywhere en route to Hongkong.

War risks are not covered (by postal registration or insurance).

THE PARCEL POST AND INSURED LETTER SYSTEM TO BRAZIL IS SUSPENDED.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ALTHOUGH EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION IS TAKEN TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF ALL POSTAL PACKETS WHICH ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE POST OFFICE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL CANNOT GIVE COMPENSATION FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE WHICH MAY BE DUE TO THE ACT OF THE KING'S ENEMIES. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE NO LETTERS, BOXES, OR PARCELS FOR BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CRETTE OR MONTENEGRO AND NO LETTERS, BOXES OR PARCELS FOR MALTA CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR INSURANCE.

The services to Germany, Austria, and their Colonies, and to the Ottoman Empire are suspended as are also the Parcel Post services to France & Tangtan.

The Public are informed that Gold and Silver in Coin or Bullion & Paper Money cannot be accepted for transmission through the Post without a permit issued by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports.

The American Mail, ex Mongolia, has been transferred to the Cordillero, which is due to arrive here on the 5th February.

MAILS DUE.

American, Cordillero, 5th February.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Pakhoi & Halphong—Per KAIFONG, 3rd inst., 8 a.m.

Philippine Is.—Per KUEICHOOW, 3rd Feb., 11 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 3rd Feb., noon.

Halphong—Per TAKSANG, 3rd inst., 4 p.m.

Saloon—Per FAUSANG, 3rd inst., 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, 4th Feb.

Saloon—Per RUBI, 4th inst., 9 a.m.

Holhow & Halphong—Per HONGKONG, 4th Feb., 10 a.m.

Halphong—Per SINGAN, 4th inst., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands and Japan via Mof, Victoria, B.C., Tacoma, & United Kingdom via Canada—Per PANAMA M., 4th Feb., 1 p.m.

Shanghai, N. China, & Japan via Kobe—Per UMTA, 4th Feb., 4 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia) Per YINGHOW, 4th Feb., 3 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P. O. Monday, 8th Feb.)

Ningpo, Shanghai & North China—Per IOHANG, 4th Feb., 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 6th Feb.

Saloon, Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Aden, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe. (Late letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra postage 10 cents. Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) Per ORIENTAL, 6th inst., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Europe via Siberia—Per LIANGHOW, 6th inst., 4 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P. O. Tuesday, 9th Feb.)

SATURDAY, 20th Feb.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin & New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per TAIYUAN, 20th Feb., 11 a.m.

Oysters, Fresh, Fried or Stewed. Findon Haddock, Kippers &c. ALEXANDRA CAFE.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Zaito, Am. ss. 1,408, N. Vastorini, 1st inst.—Saloon, 28th ult., Rice—Order.

Singan, Br. ss. 1,000, Trowbridge, 1st inst.—Halphong, Gen.—B. & S.

Wenzow, Br. ss. 560, Purlow, 1st inst.—Shanghai, 23th ult., Gen.—B. & S.

Washing, Br. ss. 1,395, M. Picknill, 1st inst.—Holhow, 31st ult., Rice & Gen.—J. M. & Co.

DEPARTED.

February 1.

Chenan for Shanghai

Dorwent for Saloon

Kaijo Maru for Fochow via Swatow

Tomashima Maru for Canton and Anna for Halphong

Shaoxing for Shanghai

Tibodas for Kobe via Swatow

Choyang for Shanghai via Swatow

Yingchow for Canton

Sabine Rickmers for Amoy

Chusan for Swatow

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

February 1.

Wenzow for Canton

Kaifong for Halphong via Pakhoi

Trigon for Palembang

February 2.

Pyrrhus for London via Singapore

Chingchow for Saloon

Uhai Maru for Hongay

American for K. C. Wan

Anhui for Shanghai

Haiyang for Fochow via Swatow

Bosha Maru for Amoy via Swatow

Kwangtuh for Shanghai

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Singan from Halphong—Mr. MacLean

Per s.s. Sado Maru from Shanghai—Mrs. E. T. Kellogg, Mr. W. F. Kellogg, Mrs. K. R. McEwen, Messrs. D. J. Ouse, V. Bridge, man, Capt. H. Powell, A. R. Harris, F. S. Murray, R. Burge, T. O. Carter, J. Singer, R. C. Ryder, T. Edwards

Per s.s. Umla from Calcutta—Mrs. & Miss Delmar, Messrs. Slade & Slicker.

MONDAY, 8th Feb.

Philippine Is., Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and New Guinea via Thursday Island—Per EMPIRE, 8th Feb., 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, 9th Feb.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per TANGO M., 9th Feb., 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands and Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, South America via S. Francisco & U. Kingdom via Canada—Per NIPPON M., 9th Feb., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Mof, Victoria, Seattle U. Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per SADO MARU, 9th Feb., 11 a.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Friday, 12th Feb.)

Swatow, Amoy & Fochow—Per HAI-CHING, 9th Feb., 1 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 9th Feb., 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11th Feb.

Straits, Colombo, Malacca, & U. Kingdom—Per KAMOM, 11th inst., 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 13th Feb.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe. (Late letters 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The parcel mail will be closed on Thursday the 12th inst. at 5 p.m.—Per ORIENTAL, 13th inst., 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 20th Feb.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin & New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per TAIYUAN, 20th Feb., 11 a.m.

Oysters, Fresh, Fried or Stewed. Findon Haddock, Kippers &c. ALEXANDRA CAFE.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 2nd at 11.15—Pressure has given way at most stations and is now considerably below normal over the whole China coast. The Manchurian depression has passed into the Pacific while that over Lake China has deepened and spread eastward. A shallow depression is indicated over the Eastern Sea.

The "high" noted yesterday has remained practically stationary and has not attained intensity.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.10 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	Light southerly or variable winds, cloudy generally with fog or mist, probably some rain.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	D'Alton Force	Winds	Weather
Wootstock	7a	30.00	ss	8			
Nemuro	6a	30.11	ss	4			
Hakodate		30.16	ss	1			
Tokio		30.09	ss	1			
Kobe		30.01	n	1			
Nagasaki		30.00	ss	3			
Kagima		29.99	ss	1			
Oshima		29.95	ss	1			
Naha		29.91	ss	1			
Ishijima		29.91	ss	1			
Enoshima		30.14	ss	1			
Chaofo		30.23/128	90	ss	5	bo	
Whalwei							
Hankow							
Shanghai							
Chungking							
Changsha							
Shanghai		29.97	46	ss	3	orm	
Shanghai		29.90	47	no	4	fr	
Shanghai		29.85	55	ss	0	or	
Amoy	6a	29.93	58	94	w	1	o
Swatow							
Taihou	5a	29.95		ss	2		
Taihou		29.97		ss	0		
Taihou		29.96		ss	0		
Taihou		29.93		ss	0		
Taihou		29.94		ss	1		
Canton	6a	29.91	60	100	ss	0	da
H'kong		29.90	72	97	ss	1	2 of
Gap Rock		29.89					
Macao		30.00	70		ss	1	of
Wuchow							
Pakhoi							
Holhow							
Philips	6a	29.86	68	ss	1	dh	
Tourane		29.89	77	ss	5	b	
C. St. J.		29.96	73	ono	4	o	
Aperti		29.96	71	w	1	b	
Manila		29.99	67	no	0	c	
Legaspi		29.99	74	no	1	b	
Hollo	9a	29.99	80	no	1	b	
Obu							
Labuan		30.01	83	no	2	c	

T. F. Claxton, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 2.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, o detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

6 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
	at p.m.	at a.m.	at p.m.
Barometer	29.97	29.90	29.87
Temperature	66	73	74
Humidity	89	73	87
Wind Direction	ESE	SW	SW
Force	3	1	3
Weather	o of op		
Rain	0.10		
Highest open air temperature on the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day	74		
Lowest	62		
H.K. Observatory, 2nd February.			
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.			

MAIL STEAMERS.

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Will despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on or about the DATES named:—

For	Steamers	To Sail On	Remarks
LONDON via Usual Ports of call	Oriental Capt. A. L. Valentini	noon 12th Feb.	Freight & P'sage
SHANGHAI	Malta Capt. G. W. Cockman R.N.R.	about 12th Feb.	Freight & P'sage
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKO- HAMA	Namur Capt. A. Collyer	about 20th Feb.	Freight & P'sage
L'DON via S'pore, Penang, Colombo, Port Said and Marseilles	Namur Capt. A. Collyer	10 a.m. 31st Mar.	Freight & P'sage